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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.

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FRANKLIN, N. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1932

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COUNTY TAX RATE UNCHANGED

NEW ROUTE OF NO. 28 MAPPED

Many Changes in Course of Present Road Proposed

BLUEPRINT POSTED

Any Relocation Protests Must Be Filed in 30 Days

A map showing a proposed relocation of highway No. 28 west from Franklin to the foot of the mountain was posted in the courthouse Monday with a written notice that any protests to the suggested new route should be filed with the State Highway commission at Raleigh within 30 days.

The proposed relocation leaves the present route at a number of places, most notably as the road leaves Franklin. Instead of following Main street through town, it leaves Main street at the eastern foot of the town hill and follows Palmer street to its intersection with the Georgia road. From there it runs across a meadow and through a gap in the rear of the Nantahala Creamery company's plant, joining the present road again near the home of Lee Barnard. There also are a number of other proposed changes, the new routing following the present road for only about half the distance.

Open Bids Monday

The Highway commission has announced that it will open bids next Monday on a number of road projects, but it has not been learned here whether it is contemplating to let contract at this time for the grading and surfacing of No. 28.

C. T. Bryson, register of deeds, telephoned E. B. Jeffers, chairman of the highway commission, Tuesday concerning the proposed rerouting of No. 28. Acting in behalf of the county commissioners, he expressed the hope that the commission would see fit to follow the old road as nearly as possible after it leaves Franklin. Mr. Jeffers informed him that before any definite action is taken the commission will send a representative to Franklin to talk over the matter with any interested parties.

Notice Posted

The notice posted with the blueprint map in the courthouse said in part:

"Under the law the Board of Commissioners of the county of the street governing body of any county seat or principal town immediately affected by this change has the right to file a written protest to the State Highway commission at Raleigh within thirty (30) days from this date. In the absence of such protest the new location will be adopted subject to such slight changes as engineering problems may make necessary in the actual construction of the work."

A play, "A Fortunate Calamity," will be given by the young people at Well's Grove Baptist church on Friday night, September 2, for benefit of the church. A small admission fee will be charged and a slice of cake will be given with each ticket.

NEWS SUMMARY

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

HOOVER ACCEPTS NOMINATION

In his formal acceptance of nomination President Hoover advocated that states be given the power to control liquor sales as they see fit, but with federal guarantee of interference by neighboring states and with federal restriction against return of saloons. The acceptance speech was made in Washington, Thursday, August 11.

Many Killed and Injured

Automobile wrecks in the state over the week-end took a heavy toll of dead and injured. The infant daughter of Roy W. Welch, Gibsonville, was killed early Sunday in the sideswiping of his machine by that of W. C. Walden. Joel Rose, 16, and George Coats, 23, were killed and six were injured in a head-on collision of two cars near Goldsboro late Saturday night. Max Fisher, Richmond, Va., and H. F. Coate, Westvaco, Texas, were killed and three hurt in the wrecking of the machines of James R. Mobley, Reidsville, five miles north of Greensboro, Sunday afternoon. Paul Knight, Jacksonville, Fla., died Sunday from injuries sustained when his car sideswiped a parked truck near Reidsville and crashed into a ditch. A. M. Eller, 52, and Calvin Canble, 75, Rowan county men, were killed near Wilmington, early Monday, in the overturning of a truck bearing 21 on a fishing trip. At New Bern, Randolph Brinson, died instantly Saturday night when he ran in front of a bakery truck, and James Hall, 18, was killed Sunday night, when a roadster left the highway and hit a tree.

CALLS ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

President Hoover will shortly call a conference of business and industrial leaders to plan economic rehabilitation with "united and concerted action on a broad front throughout the country."

Clinton Bankers Settle

Charges against six officers and directors of the Bank of Clinton, closed June, 1931, were dropped in Sampson superior court, Monday, when Solicitor J. A. Powers announced the six had agreed to pay \$71,000 in property and cash to the liquidating agent of the bank.

N. C. Bank Resources Drop

Resources of 294 N. C. state banks decreased by \$22,891,128 in the half-year ending June 30, with total resources left at \$199,927,812. Industrial bank resources dropped \$3,770,484 down to a total of \$15,828,587.

Small N. C. Tobacco Crop

Production of only 266,500,000 pounds of tobacco this year in North Carolina is indicated in late reports to the state statistician. This compares with 479,526,000 pounds in 1931. Yields per acre of all crops will average 66 per cent below 1931, the reporting service indicates.

HELD FOR JURY TAMPERING

Wiley B. Noland, Haywood county, was held by the Buncombe grand jury, Tuesday, on two bills charging attempts to bribe jurors in the case in which Luke Lea was convicted of violating state bank laws.

Hindenburg Rebuffs Hitler

Paul von Hindenburg, German president, on Saturday refused to accede to demands of Adolph Hitler that he be made chancellor as result of the recent election which left Hitler's fascists the strongest party in the reichstag. Hitler declined an offer of the vice-chancellorship.

N. C. Parent-Teacher Meet

Mrs. John L. Henderson, Hickory, presiding over the state Congress of Parents and Teachers opened the 5th annual meeting at Chapel Hill on Monday.

Salisbury Strike Closes

The strike of 300 employes of the Salisbury Cotton mills was ended Monday by a return to work, following a two-weeks disagreement over a recent wage cut. Terms of settlement were not announced.

Texas Tornado Hits Heavily

With wind velocity of over 70 miles per hour, a tornado struck the Texas coast near Galveston, Saturday night, and moved south-west causing terrible destruction. Thirty are known to have been killed, 200 more injured and huge property loss incurred.

Kills Wife In Accident

Thomas Ramsay, of Rockingham county, was trying to shoot a weasel in his barn Friday. His foot slipped and he accidentally discharged his gun in his fall. The load struck Mrs. Ramsay in the head, causing almost instant death.

Fatal Fall During Fight

Glenn Wyke, 22, and Jack Hodges, both of Boone, engaged in a fight on a hotel porch at Blowing Rock one night last week. Both fell from the porch on to a rock ledge, with Wyke's injuries causing his death on Friday. The two had quarreled over the favor of a young woman.

Asks Walker To Explain

Over vigorous protests of counsel, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt has demanded that Jimmy Walker, New York mayor, whose removal is sought, explain all sources of his private income, including that held by Russell T. Sherwood, missing accountant of a law firm of which Walker was a member.

Eller Freed Of Murder

Alvin Eller, charged with aiding in the murder of Gus Bounous, Valdesse merchant, was freed of the charge at Morganton, Friday, by jury verdict.

Murphy Girl Convicted

Maude Nelson, 21, was convicted at Murphy last week of the murder of Mrs. Martha McClure, 35, and was given 15 to 20 years

RALLY PLANNED FOR SATURDAY

Young Democrats To Hold Meeting in Macon Courthouse

Felix E. Alley, Jr., prominent young Waynesville attorney, and W. R. Francis, also of Waynesville, who is the Democratic candidate for state senator in the 32nd senatorial district, will be the speakers at a party rally to be held in the courthouse at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The rally has been arranged by the Young People's Democratic club of the county, which has been very active recently in organizing the young Democratic voters in preparation for the fall election.

Mr. Alley and Mr. Francis are both able speakers and they are expected to attract a large crowd to the rally Saturday afternoon. That night they will go to Cowee, along with members of the Franklin club, to organize a Young People's Democratic club for Cowee township. The meeting will take place in the Cowee schoolhouse at 8 o'clock.

Work Praised

John W. Edwards, president of the Macon county club, Frank Norton, treasurer, and Jimmie Hauser went to Waynesville Tuesday afternoon for a conference with D. D. Alley, who is chairman of the Young People's Democratic clubs in the 11th congressional district. Mr. Alley said that the work of the Young Democrats in Macon county had attracted wide attention, bringing forth a letter of commendation from Mrs. M. Evans, vice president of the state-wide organization. Mr. Alley also endorsed the membership forms being used by the Macon club, which were drawn up by Mr. Edwards, and asked permission for their use by clubs in other counties.

On the request of Mr. Alley, a number of Macon county Young Democrats will go to Bryson City Friday afternoon to help in the organization of a Young People's Democratic club there.

Form Highlands Club

Members of the Franklin club went to Highlands last Thursday and held a Democratic rally in the school house. Mrs. Frank Potts and Mrs. Charlie Potts were appointed to act as temporary officers until the formation of a Highlands club.

W. S. Davis, one of the leading citizens of Highlands, made an excellent talk on the advantages that the Democratic party had for the average citizen. He painted in vivid word pictures how the Republican party during the Civil war laid waste to the Southland and told of how the Republican party was trying to lay waste to our country today.

Blackburn W. Johnson, editor of The Franklin Press, spoke for several minutes on how the United States had played a losing game by keeping the Republican party in power for the past 12 years. To prove this he showed how the country had fallen from a nation with billions in the treasury to a nation badly in the "red" and getting in debt deeper every day.

Neville Sloan made an appealing talk for the Democratic party, its candidates and principles. George B. Patton, mayor of Franklin, urged all people, with the interest of the country at heart to vote the Democratic ticket in the November election. Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, of Franklin, told of how her family, as well as herself, were for the Democratic party. Mrs. Frank Potts, of Highlands, second vice president of the Macon county club, also spoke.

Special string music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Grace Fleming, Mrs. Harry Higgins, Hal Zachary, Forest Hoilman, and Harley Cane. John W. Edwards was in charge of the meeting.

Catholic Services To Be Held Here Sunday

Rev. Father A. J. Rocette, of St. John's Catholic church, Waynesville, will conduct services at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Byrne in the Orlando apartments Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

2 Arrested on Charge Of Entering Postoffice

Carl Brendle, of Iotla, and Dover Bryson, of West's Mill, were arrested about midnight last Thursday charged with breaking and entering the Leatherman postoffice several weeks ago. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff George Mallonee on a warrant sworn out by post-office inspectors following an investigation of several post-office robberies in this county. The two young men were given a hearing before a United States commissioner at Bryson City last Friday morning and bound over to the November term of U. S. District court at Bryson City. They were released after the hearing under \$1,000 bond each.

WAYAH REFUGE OPEN SATURDAY

Fishing To Be Allowed for One Day Only; Permit Costs \$1

Streams on the Daniel Boone and Wayah Bald game refuges in Western North Carolina will be open for brief seasons this week-end, C. M. Mease, of Black Mountain, state refuge supervisor, announced Wednesday.

The Wayah Bald refuge in Macon county will be open one day only, Saturday. This refuge has six miles of fishing streams. Fishing will be permitted Friday and Saturday on the Daniel Boone refuge in Avery and Caldwell counties, near Edgemont. This refuge has approximately 22 miles of fishing streams.

A permit costing \$1 a day per person will be required, in addition to the regulation state and county licenses, as required by law for resident and non-resident fishermen. These permits can be obtained from the wardens at their stations on the two refuges.

Masonic Lecture Series Is Given at Highlands

P. C. Stott of Wendel, N. C., one of the assistant grand lecturers of the grand lodge of North Carolina, A. F. and A. M., arrived Wednesday afternoon of last week and began a week's series of lectures at the local Masonic lodge. These lectures are being well attended. On August 18, John H. Anderson of Raleigh, grand secretary, is expected here for a group meeting of several of the lodges in the 42nd district.

Quarterly Conference To Be Held on Sunday

The quarterly conference of the Franklin circuit of the Methodist church will be held at Clark's Chapel at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning, it was announced Tuesday by the Rev. H. C. Freeman, pastor of the circuit. The Rev. L. B. Hayes, presiding elder of the Waynesville district, will have charge of the conference. All church officials of the Franklin circuit are urged to attend. At 8 o'clock Sunday night Rev. Mr. Hayes will assist in revival services at the Iotla Methodist church.

On Friday, August 12, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore at their home at Bethel.

Expert Coming To Teach Best Methods of Canning

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, chairman of the Macon county chapter of the Red Cross and co-chairman of the Macon county 5-10 program, and Fred S. Sloan, county farm agent, have asked the state to send Macon county a home agent to conduct a canning school in the county. The state authorities consented and will send the home demonstration agent from Iredell county here at the first of next week for a four-days school. The four days will be used for the benefit of all the women of

Old Levy of \$1.21 Found Sufficient By Commissioners

Special Levies for Extended Term in Franklin and Highlands Remain Same; Some Changes Made in Other Districts

\$400 APPROPRIATED FOR STATE AND COUNTY FOREST FIRE-FIGHTING WORK

County's Total Property Valuation Shows Shrinkage; Budget for 1932-1933 now before Local Government Commission

Macon county's tax rate will remain the same this year as last. The county commissioners met in called session at the courthouse last Friday morning and levied a county-wide tax of \$1.21. It had been feared for a while that Macon, like many other counties in the state, would have to increase its rate on account of shrinkage in valuation and slow tax collections; but the commissioners found that through a reduction in debt service charges they could maintain the same levy.

The county-wide levy is split up as follows:
State school fund.....\$.16
Local school fund......15
General fund......15
Special fund......10
Debt service......65
TOTAL.....\$.61

Debt Levy Drops

The debt service levy, which goes to the county sinking fund for the retirement of bonds and the payment of interest, is six cents less than last year, while the aggregate county and state school funds are six cents more.

The special and general funds remain the same. The special fund is for courts, jail, paupers and the cooperative county and state fire-fighting service. Four hundred dollars has been appropriated for the forest fire work, instead of \$600 as last year. At the first meeting of the board this month it was voted to abandon this work, but on reconsideration the commissioners decided that it would be better to continue it on a smaller appropriation.

The levy of 15 cents for the general fund, which covers the county's administrative expenses, is the limit set by statute.

Special District Taxes

The commissioners also received and approved the school district taxes proposed by the county board of education. These taxes are levied to meet the cost of extended school terms. Following is the report of the county school board, including the district levies adopted by the county commissioners:

"To the County Board of Commissioners of Macon County: Gentlemen:

"The county board of education of Macon county requests the levy for the several local tax districts in the county for the year 1932-33 to be made as follows:

- "1. Franklin, 35 cents on \$100 valuation and \$1.05 poll.
- "2. Iotla, 20 cents on \$100 valuation and \$.60 poll.
- "3. Union, 17 cents on \$100 valuation and \$.51 poll.
- "4. Higdonville, 20 cents on \$100 valuation and \$.60 poll.
- "5. Pine Grove, 17 cents on \$100 valuation and \$.51 poll.
- "6. Highlands, 35 cents on \$100 valuation and \$1.05 poll.
- "7. Mulberry, 20 cents on \$100 valuation and \$.60 poll.
- "8. Otto, 20 cents on \$100 valuation and \$.60 poll.

"9. Slagle, 17 cents on \$100 valuation and \$.51 poll.
"10. Aquone, 17 cents on \$100 valuation and \$.51 poll.
"11. Beecher, 15 cents on \$100 valuation and \$.45 poll.

County-Wide Capital Outlay

"The budget of the county board of education shows a balance of \$2,178.75 due this fund which is thought to be sufficient to take care of any absolute need which may arise.

Debt Service

"The net amount due the state and on school bonds of Macon county for the year is \$11,095; of this \$78 is due from the Chapel (colored) district, and \$96 from the Highlands district, leaving the net amount to be raised by a county-wide levy of \$10,621.00.

"Respectfully,
(Signed) "S. H. Lyle, Chairman
County Board of Education.
"M. D. Billings, Secretary
County Board of Education."

The extended term levies are the same as last year in Franklin and Highlands. The Iotla rate increased six cents; it dropped five cents in Higdonville; dropped 13 cents in Pine Grove; increased five cents in Higdonville; dropped 13 cents in Pine Grove; increased five cents in Mulberry and Otto; decreased six cents in the Slagle school district; increased three cents in Aquone and one cent in Beecher. In Franklin township there is an extra levy of 20 cents for school bonds and interest.

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Exact figures on the county's valuation are not yet available, but it is understood that the total has decreased slightly since last year, when it was about \$7,000,000.

The budget for the current fiscal year has been drawn, but it has not been made public pending final approval of the local government commission at Raleigh.

Memorial to C. A. Raby To Be Unveiled Sunday

Balsam Camp No. 631, Woodmen of the World, located at Balsam, N. C., will unveil a monument to Charles A. Raby, deceased member of that camp, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Snow Hill Methodist cemetery at West's Mill. The public is cordially invited to attend and all Woodmen are requested to be present and take a part in the ceremonies. All members are urged to bring as many flowers as possible.

Wayah Camp No. 889, of Franklin, is expected to have a part in the program, and all members of the Franklin camp are urged to get together and make plans for the Sunday exercises.

Some prominent speaker or minister will be on the program for the afternoon.

Bryson Family Reunion To Be Held August 21

The annual Bryson family reunion will be held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Bryson at West's Mill, Sunday, August 21.

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Cartoogechaye Nine Wins Close Game at Highlands

Only one game of baseball was played last Saturday by the teams of the Macon county baseball league. Cartoogechaye went to Highlands and won a hard fought game by the score of 12 to 10. Holly Springs went to Cowee to play but rain checked the game in the second inning.

Prentiss forfeited a game to the Mountain Grove boys by not showing up at the Holly Springs field; and Oak Grove failed to make known their intentions of playing the West End boys.

Holly Springs played Cowee Tuesday at Cowee in an 11-inning game, losing by a score of 3 to 4. The schedule for Saturday is as follows: Cowee at Prentiss, Holly

Springs at West End, Franklin at Highlands, Cartoogechaye at Mountain Grove.

The average for the teams for the second half of the schedule follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Avg.
Cartoogechaye	3	0	1000
West End	3	0	1000
Cowee	3	0	1000
Holly Springs	2	1	667
Mountain Grove	1	2	333
Highlands	0	3	000
Prentiss	0	3	000
Oak Grove	0	3	000

There are three more games on the schedule after next Saturday's games. Cowee won the first half of the schedule by a one-game margin.