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## DEMONSTRATION FARMS CHOSEN

### Will Serve To Illustrate Benefits of Modern Crop Methods

In furtherance of the agricultural improvement program launched recently by the Tennessee Valley Authority, demonstration farms have been selected in each of the 11 townships of Macon county, it was announced this week by F. S. Sloan, county farm agent.

The demonstration farms, Mr. Sloan explained, will be used as examples to convince farmers that soil conservation pays and that modern farming methods will provide a better farm living.

#### How Plan Works

The demonstration farms will be worked by the individual owners with the cooperation and advice of Mr. Sloan and his assistant, S. D. Alexander, formerly with the soil erosion service. The TVA will supply some needed fertilizer for the demonstration farms, but the farmers themselves will furnish seed and do the work. Accurate records will be kept on all crops and at the end of the year, Mr. Sloan confidently hopes, the cash returns from the demonstration farms will be convincing proof for other farmers of the benefits of crop rotation, proper use of fertilizer, soil conservation and approved farm management practices.

#### Committees Chosen

At recent community meetings held in each of the townships committees were elected by the farmers to cooperate with the farm agents in the TVA program. Following is a list of the committees and the demonstration farms chosen:

Highlands township, committee, Richard Cobb, Mack-Edwards, A. C. Holt; farm, A. C. Holt's.

Flats, committee, M. S. Burnette, Henry Miller, Tolliver Vinson; farm, Henry Miller's.

Smith's Bridge community, J. E. Cabe, J. J. Gray, C. H. Norton, farm, J. E. Cabe's.

Sugarfork, committee, C. W. Henderson, J. D. McCoy, Spurgeon Holland; farm, C. W. Henderson's. Ellijay, committee, J. J. Corbin, D. J. Moses, George W. Dowdle; farm, J. M. Gray's operated by George W. Dowdle.

Millshoal, committee, John C. Fer-

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## MAIN STREET TREES PRUNED

Linemen of the Western Carolina Telephone company became tree surgeons this week as George Johnston, manager of the company, put them to work pruning the maple trees on the north side of Main street.

The old trees, grown shaggy and gnarled, took on a new appearance as dead limbs and unnecessary growth were trimmed away. All cuts were quickly painted with a special preparation to prevent the trees from "bleeding."

Mr. Johnston obtained permission from the town board some time ago to do the work. Before starting to trim the trees he made a special study of tree surgery methods, reading several books on the subject and obtaining advice from experts.

Expense of the tree pruning is borne entirely by the telephone company, which bought special equipment for the work. Mr. Johnston is supervising the job and is exercising the utmost care to see that each tree is trimmed with view to prolonging its life as far as possible.

Some of the trees, he said, are so far gone that they should be replaced; but many of them are still vigorous.

## Barn Burned

### Boy Playing with Matches Responsible

Charles Williams, age 5, learned last Thursday of the danger of playing with fire.

The youngster, at the home of his grandfather, Robert L. Liner, in the Iotla community, went into the barnyard and began amusing himself striking matches. Before he realized what he was doing the barn had caught on fire. Then the blaze extended to the corn crib and meat house. Neighbors came to Mr. Liner's assistance and they managed to drag his farm-machinery from the burning barn, but they were unable to put out the fire.

Mr. Liner said his barn was full of feed and lumber; 150 bushels of corn were stored in the crib and the meat from five hogs was hanging in the meat house. The total loss was estimated at approximately \$400.

## MRS. PATTON'S FUNERAL HELD

### Wife of Former Senator Dies after Long Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Robert A. Patton, who died at her home in Patton valley at 11:45 o'clock Friday morning after a severe illness of several months, were held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning at the Patton Methodist church.

Mrs. Patton, wife of former State Senator Robert A. Patton, had been in ill health for a number of months. During the winter her condition became serious and she was taken to an Asheville hospital for treatment. Little hope for her recovery was seen by physicians and she was brought back to her home in Macon county.

A woman of outstanding character, ability and charm, Mrs. Patton was one of the most prominent and best beloved women in the county.

Surviving Mrs. Patton, besides her husband, are seven children, Charles Robert, Helen, James, George, Mack and Andy Jack; and two brothers, Sheriff A. B. Slagle, of Franklin, and Carl Slagle, of Cartoogechaye.

Mrs. Patton was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slagle. She was married to Robert A. Patton in November, 1913. She was a graduate of Davenport college.

The Rev. J. B. Tabor, pastor of the Macon Methodist circuit, conducted the funeral, assisted by the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the Franklin Methodist church.

Pallbearers were Glenn Patton, Paul Patton, Lawrence Patton, Harry Blaine, James Wurst and Roy Mashburn.

## Exam Results To Be Announced Next Week

A list of pupils who passed the standard high school entrance test held March 23 at the Franklin school will be ready for publication in next week's issue of The Press-Maconian, it was announced today by G. L. Houk, principal of the Franklin school. Two hundred and fourteen pupils representing 32 schools in the county took the examination. Practically all of the rural schools of the county have completed their terms or will end them this week. The Franklin and Highlands schools will continue through the first week in May.

## Congress 'Feels its Oats;' May Balk President's Plans

(Special to The Press-Maconian) WASHINGTON, April 4—The 74th congress has been in session for three months but has done little during that time except get into a wrangle over President Roosevelt's \$4,880,000,000 work relief bill. It is expected the measure will finally go through, but with some strings attached. As for the rest of the president's legislative program, there is no telling what may become of it.

Whether enactment of the work relief in compromise form will break the "log-jam" and be followed by speedy enactment of other things asked by Mr. Roosevelt is uncertain. Many observers are inclined to believe that congress, having forced changes in the work relief plan, is beginning to 'feel its oats' and may be inclined more and more to assert its independence of the White House.

The measures which the president is set upon include extension of NRA for two years, after its legal expiration on June 16; his "social security" plan; the new banking law giving government control of banking and credit; the bill to regulate public utility hold-

ing companies, and some important amendments to the agricultural adjustment act.

#### Push Whole Plan Through

To the suggestion that the program is too big for one session of congress, and that much of the program could well be laid over until next year, the president has given a firm negative. He wants to push his whole plan through this year, so that the second session of the present congress will have a clear track for the purely political activities related to the election of 1936.

If the president gets his program through this year, there will have been a year of experience which, if recovery results, will be of the greatest political advantage in 1936; if he doesn't get it through this year the second session of this congress will be wrangling over it right up to the time for the national nominating conventions, and the president will have to go before the country with some of his experiments unfinished.

Whatever congress does with the president's program, it is trying hard to hand him some things that

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## Nantahala Forest Purchase Is Approved

Purchase of 1,899 acres of land for addition to the Nantahala National Forest was approved Saturday by the National Forest reservation commission in Washington, according to press dispatches from the capital. Total purchases throughout the country approved by the commission amounted to a quarter of a million acres, approximately 16,000 in the Carolinas. Early in March the commission approved plans for the purchase of 3,373 acres for the Nantahala Forest. The price named for the latest purchase was \$5,906.75.

## Sprucing Up

### Franklin Now Observing 'Clean-Up Week'

Franklin began sprucing up for spring this week following the posting of a proclamation by the board of aldermen setting April 1 to 6 as "Clean-up Week."

The proclamation requested residents to clean up their homes, premises and vacant lots, and to place all trash in containers where the town scavenger could collect it. Police Chief R. F. Henry said he would send the trash wagon to any place in town to collect trash and requested that householders notify him when they were ready to have trash removed.

The appearance of Main street was considerably improved Tuesday by the removal of rusty old automobile bodies and other debris which had been dumped on the vacant Rogers lot on west Main street. The town board ordered the lot cleaned up after Mrs. F. L. Siler and Mrs. T. J. Johnson, representing the U. D. C., appeared before it Monday night with a request for this action.

## Funeral Held for Mrs. Ethel Moss Houston

Funeral services for Mrs. Ethel Moss Houston, 29, and infant who died in Angel hospital Sunday morning, were held at Sugarfork Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. J. O. Nix, of Satula, Ga., pastor of the Pine Grove Baptist church, had charge of the services.

Mrs. Houston was a member of the Pine Grove Baptist church. The deceased is survived by her husband, Claude Houston, her mother, Mrs. Mattie Moss, of Cullasaja; Mrs. Hall Zachary, of Franklin; Zeb Moss, of Glenville; and Lyman Moss, of Jackson county.

## 4 ENTER RACE FOR ALDERMEN

### Patton Expected To File For Mayor and Have No Opposition

With just two more days before the deadline, only four candidates for town offices in the municipal election to be held on May 7 had filed formal notices Thursday with George Dean, the town clerk. Those who had tossed their hats into the ring were T. W. Angel, H. L. Bryant, W. C. Wilkes and J. A. Palmer, all of whom are seeking election as aldermen. No one had filed notice of candidacy for mayor, but it was expected that George Patton, a former mayor, would do so before the expiration of the time for filing on Saturday.

For the past two years Franklin has had an aldermanic board of three members; but under the terms of a bill enacted by the present general assembly under the sponsorship of Representative J. Frank Ray, a six-member board is to be chosen in the May election.

#### More Entries Expected

Although candidates have been slow in announcing themselves, it is thought likely there will be a sizeable number of entries, at least for the offices of aldermen, before Saturday night. There was a strong indication, however, that there might be only one candidate for mayor.

Mr. Patton would not commit himself to a statement of whether he would or would not run; but his friends were confident he would and that no one would oppose him.

R. D. Sisk, who has served as mayor since the resignation of Frank Ray, frankly stated he would not seek the position again if Mr. Patton sees fit to run. It was said in some quarters that Mr. Sisk might seek election as an alderman, but he himself has made no announcement to this effect.

Others discussed in political circles as possible candidates for the board of aldermen include H. W. Cabe, J. E. Perry, John Henry, George Bulgin, Harry Higgins, S. H. Lyle and John Harrison.

T. W. Angel, a former board member, was the first candidate to jump into the water. He filed his notice Wednesday. Then, Thursday morning, notices were submitted by Bryant, Wilkes and Palmer.

Sam J. Murray has been appointed registrar and A. L. Leach and George A. Mashburn judges for the election. The registration books will be open from April 6 through April 27.

## REV. J. C. OWEN TO SPEAK HERE

A public meeting of the United Dry Forces of Macon county will be held in the Franklin Baptist church at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night of next week, according to an announcement by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, secretary of the county organization.

The Rev. J. C. Owen, D. D., director of temperance education for the United Dry Forces in 25 western counties, is scheduled to speak.

Dr. Owen, a former pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, has been an active leader in temperance work.

An invitation to attend the meeting next Wednesday was extended by Rev. Mr. Flanagan to all persons interested in the work of the organization. At the close of the meeting, he said, the executive committee of the United Dry Forces will meet to perfect plans for its work in the county.

#### HERE FROM RALEIGH

J. M. Gray, connected with the Raleigh office of the Chilean Nitrate company, was in Franklin on business the early part of this week.

## CREDIT GROUPS CONSOLIDATED

### Long Continues as Local Production Loan Representative

The Franklin Production Credit association has been consolidated in the interest of more central and economical management with the Asheville organization, and now practically all of the western counties will be served by one central production credit agency.

Mr. Long, who was secretary of the Franklin association, which served Macon, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Cherokee and Clay counties, has been appointed to represent the consolidated association in this county. All applications by Macon farmers for production credit loans should be filed with him.

Through the credit association loans to assist farmers in financing crop and livestock production are obtained from the federal intermediate credit bank. Only loans of \$50 or more are made by the association, Mr. Long explained in correcting an erroneous idea on the part of a few farmers that smaller loans could be obtained through this agency. Loans of lesser amounts must come through emergency crop loan channels, not through production credit associations. Production credit loans are secured by crop liens and, where necessary, by liens on personal property; but farmers obtaining these loans are not required to mortgage their land.

## Lightning Puts Town Well out of Commission

Struck by lightning during a storm Wednesday night, the electric motor which furnishes power for pumping water from the town well on west Main street was thrown out of commission. On examination it was found that the motor had been burned out. Will Hall, town plumber, took the motor to Asheville Thursday morning for repairs. It is expected to be returned Saturday. Meanwhile the Town of Franklin is dependent for water on the well on east Main street, which supplies only about 35 gallons a minute, as compared with 68 gallons from the other well. Town officials hoped a reserve supply in the town tanks would hold out until operation of the West Main street pump is resumed.