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PROGRESS MADE ROLL CALL

Members Enrolled; Bloxham Sets Goal Of 500

Reports turned in yesterday by volunteer workers in the annual Red Cross roll call for Macon county brought to 248 the number of memberships obtained since the campaign started on Armistice Day, as reported by the Rev. Frank Bloxham, roll call chairman. "This is not a complete list," Mr. Bloxham said, "and it is hoped the final list to be published next week will bring the total far above this figure. An encouraging feature of this week's effort is the fact that Burningtown is the first school district to send in a quota in full. Each school district has been given material and a quota. Thus, the whole county has been covered and it is expected that each district will meet its quota."

Seeks Goal of 500

It would be a great help if all workers would report to the roll call chairman at the office of The Franklin Press next Wednesday morning in order that a complete list of memberships may be made and the roll call completed. Just one more week—let us get in and fight for a goal of 500!"

Burningtown

Mrs. Robert Parrish, Miss Lola Ramsey, Miss Jessie Ramsey.

Highlands

Miss Marguerite Ravenal, Miss Clara Ravenal, Miss Nourse, Miss Rachel Davis, Mr. O. F. Summer, Mrs. O. F. Summer, Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mrs. Kate Rhyneheart, Miss Eva Howard, Miss Nina Howard, Miss Edna Jamison, Miss Ethel Howland, Mrs. Jack Hall, Mrs. Tudor Hall, Mrs. E. R. Gilbert, Mrs. Carl Zoellnor, Mrs. F. A. Edwards, Mrs. E. Hicks, Miss Sara Gilder, A. B. Potts, J. E. Potts, C. C. Potts, S. E. Potts, W. H. Potts, F. H. Potts, Mrs. F. H. Potts, Mrs. J. E. Potts, Miss Gertrude Harbison, S. Porter Pierson, A. G. Spencer, Miss Flora Norton, J. C. Mell, Mrs. Frank Cook, Miss M. D. Warren, Miss Maud Crane, Ed Rogers, Miss Caroline Hall, C. H. Zoellnor, Mrs. Sam Calloway, Sam Calloway, Mrs. Walter Reese, Mrs. A. C. Holt, P. T. Farnsworth, Rev. Frank Bloxham.

Franklin

R. D. Carson, R. R. Swanson, L. D. Cope, J. H. Stockton, Sloan Murray, J. J. Welch, R. C. Tillery, R. S. Sloan, S. W. Mendenhall, G. A. Jones, Jas. L. Potts, J. Frank Ray, E. E. Sypher, Carr Howard, Mrs. S. W. Mendenhall, Josephine Weaver, Ray W. Brandt, K. B. Trousdell, R. V. Miles, Jr., C. S. Hubbard, W. B. Jones, Lucy Sue Gray, Harley Dunbar, John Cunningham, Carl P. Cabe, Mrs. D. Mason, P. F. Callahan, George Brown, Amanda Slagle, Louise Siler, Tom Campbell, Davis Langdon, Tom

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Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed, hens 12c
Chickens, light weight, lb. . . . 09c
Fryers, heavy weight, lb. . . . 12c
Fryers, light weight, lb. . . . 09c
Eggs, doz. 30c
Corn, bu. 80c
Wheat, bu. \$1.00
Rye, bu. \$1.00
Potatoes, No. 1 90c
Field peas, bu. \$1.10
Onions, bu. 60c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 29c

Corn Husking Champ



Crowned world's champion corn husker, Carl Carlson, 28, sinewy six-foot Audubon, Ia., farmer, is shown after he finished his grueling 80-minute feat on Alva Oyler's Licking County, Ohio, farm, husking 1,472.75 pounds of corn to take the title, before a crowd of more than 100,000 spectators, one of the greatest galleries ever seen at an American sport event.

REVIEWS WORK OF RED CROSS

Vast Army of First Aid Workers Trained by Organization

By REV. FRANK BLOXHAM
(Chairman of Red Cross Roll Call
Committee for Macon County)

The story of the activities of the American Red Cross is so large and varied that it would take many months of such articles as these to tell of all that is being done by this agency for the good of humanity. This week let me tell a little about some other branches of the work.

The Red Cross has taught first aid to 1,173,000 persons; it has trained 700,000 persons in water safety and rescue methods. These nearly 2,000,000 life savers on land and sea are present at the beach and swimming pool, near the scene of serious accident. They are on the job so that your boy, your girl, a friend or relative will have a better chance to live when accident strikes near home. Volunteer workers are the backbone of the Red Cross. They make surgical dressings, layettes and many other articles for the needy. The transcription of books into Braille is done by volunteers; many are trained as health aids, as hospital and recreation workers and so do useful work in many fields.

Building Character

The Junior Red Cross builds character by teaching the youth of our nation the fundamental precepts of service to others. It builds deeper friendship among neighbors for a deeper friendship among nations tomorrow through a better understanding between the youth of nations today. The Junior Red Cross is the children's own show and the organization is grouped by schools. In this county we have this work carried on by Mrs. Gordon Moore and each year there is a greater response from the children of the various schools. The juniors do not pay an individual membership fee. There is a small group enrollment fee for each grade school classroom and for every one hundred high school students, a fee which gives a sense of partnership and responsibility. The credo of the Red Cross Junior is "We believe

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SHOOTING CASE HEARD IN COURT

Grace Fleming Acquitted Of Assault With a Deadly Weapon

Grace Fleming, who peppered Milo Sanders with shotgun shot Sunday night a week ago in an altercation at Fleming's home several miles south of Franklin on the Georgia road, was acquitted by a jury in Macon county superior court Monday when he came up for trial on an indictment of assault with a deadly weapon. Sanders, who was accused by Fleming of throwing rocks at his home and attempting to break open a screen door, was found guilty by a jury of simple assault.

Four charges against Fleming were presented to the grand jury. It returned true bills in three cases: assault with a deadly weapon on Sanders, carrying a concealed weapon and violating the prohibition law. The jury reported "not a true bill" on the fourth charge, assault with a deadly weapon on Roy Cabe, whom he was alleged to have threatened with a shotgun.

Fleming pled guilty on the concealed weapon charge. A pistol was removed from his person by Police Chief C. D. Baird when he came to Franklin for a preliminary hearing last week. The case of alleged violation of the prohibition law had not come up for trial today.

Judge W. F. Harding, presiding over the November term of Macon county superior court, left judgment open in Sanders' conviction of simple assault and in Fleming's case of carrying concealed weapons. He is expected to pass sentence before court adjourns Friday or Saturday of this week.

COWEE SEEKS HIGH SCHOOL

Betterment Association Calls Meeting To Discuss Plans

The people of Cowee township want a community high school and are planning to take active steps to obtain one.

With this purpose in view, R. C. Rickman, president of the North Macon Betterment association, which has been active for several years in the development of the section around West's Mill, has called a special meeting of the association membership and all other interested persons for 8 o'clock Saturday night, Dec. 5, in the Cowee school.

Mr. Rickman pointed out that the Cowee school, at West's Mill, has ample room to provide for high school classes and that establishment of a high school in the community would obviate the necessity of transporting high school students in the northern end of the county to and from the consolidated high school in Franklin. This, he added, would relieve the heavy school bus traffic and alleviate congested conditions in the Franklin school.

Some people in the northern end of the county, Mr. Rickman said, have misunderstood the movement for establishment of a high school at Cowee, a rumor having spread that an effort was being made to consolidate the primary schools in the vicinity. He denied that the association had this intention and explained that its sole purpose was to obtain a high school more convenient to the pupils in the northern section.

A high school was formerly situated at Cowee, but was abandoned along with several other rural high schools in the county when the consolidated high school was established in Franklin.

Presiding over Court



HON. W. F. HARDING

REPAIRS URGED ON COURTHOUSE

Judge Backs Grand Jury In Demand for Needed Improvements

Judge W. F. Harding, presiding over the November term of Macon county superior court, took the county board of commissioners to task Tuesday for failing to carry out recommendations previously made by the grand jury for badly needed repairs and improvements to the courthouse.

The judge's remarks were prompted by a report which had just been submitted to the court by the grand jury, stating in part:

"In our previous reports we recommended that a rest room for ladies be put in the courthouse by removing the office now occupied by O'Neil, but we find that this has not been done and demand that it be done.

"We also recommend that a bar should be erected separating the jurors' box from the other part of the courtroom; this has not been done and we call the attention of the county officials to attend to this also.

"We also call the attention of the county that we have repeatedly recommended that the courthouse be repaired as it is already condemned by the state and is damaged in its present condition."

Judge Harding complimented the jury on its work and urged that the county commissioners take immediate steps to carry out the grand jury recommendations. He instructed Solicitor John M. Queen to prepare bills of indictment against the responsible officials if the recommendations have not been put into effect by the next term of court.

7 CCC Camps Assigned To Nantahala Forest

The construction and betterment of 350 miles of roads and trails, timberstand improvement on 20,000 acres of land, and the completion of a rearing station that will care for 50,000 fish annually are among the major projects to be undertaken by the 28 camps assigned to forestry work in North Carolina during the eighth enrollment period of the CCC, according to an announcement by Joseph C. Kircher, southern regional forester, from his headquarters in Atlanta.

Mr. Kircher said that the North Carolina forestry camps had been assigned as follows: ten to the Pisgah national forest, seven to the Nantahala, two to the Sumter, seven to projects on state and private forest lands, and two to forestry work for the TVA.

Among the important forestry projects already completed by the CCC in North Carolina, Mr. Kircher listed nine fish-rearing pools in the Nantahala national forest.

MURDER CASE BEING ARGUED

Mathewson Defense Bases Case on Plea of Insanity

Macon county superior court remained in session Thanksgiving Day while a formidable array of attorneys presented arguments in the case of Ralph Mathewson, 33, Robbinsville cafe proprietor, charged with murdering his wife, mother of a three-weeks-old baby, last February 15.

Trial of Mathewson, whose case was removed to this county from Graham on an order signed by Judge W. F. Harding at Robbinsville in September, was started on Tuesday after a 13-man jury had been picked from a special venire of 100 men. At an earlier trial of Mathewson, at the March term of Macon county superior court, a mistrial was declared when the jury failed to reach an agreement. When the case came up at Robbinsville again in September the state moved for removal on the grounds that, due to the defendant's wide influence in his home county, he could not obtain a fair trial there. Judge Harding granted the motion, and when Mathewson was presented for trial in this county he again faced the Charlotte jurist.

Graham Bears Expense

Expense of the trial, which it is estimated will amount to considerably more than a thousand dollars, will be borne by Graham county, not Macon.

The jury was filled at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and the state began placing witnesses on the stand, completing its testimony at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. The defense, which based its case on a plea of insanity, completed its testimony late Wednesday afternoon, and argument was commenced this morning with four prosecution attorneys and four defense attorneys to be heard from.

Counsel Appearing

Jones and Jones, of Franklin, and T. M. Jenkins, of Robbinsville, are assisting Solicitor John M. Queen in the prosecution. The defendant is represented by Jack Mophew, of Robbinsville, J. N. Moody, of Murphy, McKinley Edwards, of Bryson City, and George B. Patton, of Franklin.

With the judge's charge to follow argument by counsel, it was thought likely that a night session of court would be necessary if the jury is to receive the case before Friday morning.

Tells of Shooting

The first state witness, Tom Moose, of Robbinsville, said he was in the Mathewson cafe when the shooting took place, between 9 and 10 p. m. Feb. 15. Ten or 15 other persons were in the cafe, he said, and Mathewson was standing by the cash register, just having made change for some customers, and his wife was seated on a stool behind the counter. Neither Mathewson nor his wife had said anything. Suddenly the cafe proprietor drew out a pistol, a small .32 calibre revolver, and fired three shots at Mrs. Mathewson in quick succession. He then turned the gun on himself, the witness continued, firing the remaining two shots in the revolver chambers.

James R. Miller, Graham county coroner, told of examining Mrs. Mathewson's body, which had slumped to the floor. A bullet wound was found in her right breast, another in the left and another between the other two wounds. He also said he examined Mathewson's head, finding a scalp wound three to four inches long extending from the right ear to the top of his head.

Mr. Miller said he had known the Mathewsons for some time and that he considered them a congenial family.

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