

The Franklin Press

and
The Highlands Maconian

PROGRESSIVE

LIBERAL

INDEPENDENT

VOL. LII, NO. 8

FRANKLIN, N. C., THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 1937

\$1.50 PER YEAR

FOREST OFFICE STAFF CHANGES

Paddock Goes to Atlanta; Parkman Transferred To Tallahassee

Several changes have been made in the past few days in the administrative staff of the Nantahala national forest in Franklin.

W. R. Paddock, who has been supervisor for the past 10 months, has been transferred to regional headquarters in Atlanta. He will be succeeded by P. H. Gerrard, who is being sent from Atlanta and is expected here the latter part of the week.

R. L. Parkman, administrative accountant, has been ordered to Tallahassee, Fla., and his place in the accounting section will be taken by Jack O. Werner, who has been for some time a member of the office staff in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Paddock were entertained by the forest service personnel at a farewell supper and dance at the American Legion hall last Friday night.

Patton Leads Fight to Revive Gerrymander Bill

Representative R. A. Patton, of Macon county, took the lead in an effort in the General Assembly Tuesday to revive the Madison county gerrymandering bill which had been tabled Monday night.

The following account is from The Asheville Citizen of Wednesday:

"Representative Robert A. Patton and D. G. Giles led the fight Tuesday to recall the measure from the unfavorable calendar and Representatives Murphy and W. C. Spruill, of Bertie, opposed it. "The bill would have given the Democrats control of normally Republican Madison county.

"Patton, in seeking to recall the measure from the unfavorable calendar, said his life had been threatened by Madison county Republicans for his support of the bill, and he asserted that 'Guy Roberts, of Marshall, has been read out of the Democratic party by the executive committee.' He described Roberts as 'one of the worst Republicans in Madison County' and intimated Murphy's opposition was prompted by Roberts.

"Giles, defending his action in sponsoring the bill, said he had 'no apologies to make for introducing this bill.'

"I do want to say this, he added, 'I didn't offer the bill hastily, and only did so after careful and due consideration.' Spruill declared that he didn't believe that the gentleman from Macon (Mr. Patton) any western Democrat has a right to speak for the people of Madison county."

"Patton attempted to secure a second vote on his motion. He said he wanted to see the Democrats in this house."

Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTES

(Prices listed below to change without notice. Quoted by Farmers Exchange. Chickens, heavy broilers, 10c; Chickens, light weight, 9c; Eggs, doz., 25c; Corn, bu., 45c; Wheat, bu., 65c; Potatoes, No. 1, bu., 35c; Field peas, bu., 30c; Crowder peas, bu., 25c; Yellow Manmoth Beans, bu., 20c; Florida Beans, bu., 15c; Onions, bu., 10c. Quoted by N. C. Butterfat, lb., 15c.

From Snow Grave



CARSON CITY, Nev. . . . Mrs. Maude La Near, 19, and her daughter, Donna, 2, pictured after being rescued from a snow-buried automobile after 15 days without food or heat. The husband went for aid and perished.

CROP LOAN BLANKS HERE

County Agent's Office Is Ready to Receive Applications

All farmers wishing to make an application for an emergency crop loan this year may do so by calling at the County agent's office.

There will be some one in the office every day to assist the farmers in making out these loans. The necessary blanks for making applications have been received and, in order that the farmers may receive their loans at an early date, it is advised by S. D. Alexander, assistant County Agent, that they make application at their earliest convenience.

Also any information that a farmer may desire concerning this loan may be had by inquiry at the County Agent's office.

Watch Burn County Agent's Office

Several fires have been reported in the county since the beginning of the winter. The County Agent's office is keeping a close watch on the situation and will be ready to assist in any emergency.

The County Agent's office is also keeping a close watch on the situation and will be ready to assist in any emergency.

The County Agent's office is also keeping a close watch on the situation and will be ready to assist in any emergency.

The County Agent's office is also keeping a close watch on the situation and will be ready to assist in any emergency.

The County Agent's office is also keeping a close watch on the situation and will be ready to assist in any emergency.

The County Agent's office is also keeping a close watch on the situation and will be ready to assist in any emergency.

The County Agent's office is also keeping a close watch on the situation and will be ready to assist in any emergency.

The County Agent's office is also keeping a close watch on the situation and will be ready to assist in any emergency.

The County Agent's office is also keeping a close watch on the situation and will be ready to assist in any emergency.

PRESS EDITOR TAKES NEW JOB

B. W. Johnson Goes To Asheville as Editor Of Federation News

Blackburn W. Johnson, publisher and editor of The Franklin Press for the past six years, has accepted a position as editor of the Farmers Federation News, published by the Farmers Federation, Inc., in Asheville.

Mr. Johnson succeeds George M. Stephens, who has resigned as editor of the Federation News and entered the printing business in Asheville.

Although Mr. Johnson's new position will require his full time, he and his mother, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, will continue as owners and publishers of the paper. Mrs. Johnson will have general supervision over the editorial policies and management.

P. F. Callahan, for several years in charge of the mechanical department, will serve as managing editor in addition to his other duties. Carl P. Cabe, operator of The Press' typesetting machine, will be in charge of advertising, while his wife, Mrs. Margaret Cabe, will manage the office.

WPA Work

Over \$3,000,000 Spent in This District

The Works Progress administration since December 1, 1935, has spent more than \$3,000,000 in 17 Western North Carolina counties, according to W. E. Breese, fifth district director.

The latest available figures, those through January 31 of this year, show that the amount expended was \$2,967,104, Mr. Breese said, and the February totals will run this well above the \$3,000,000 mark.

By far the largest portion of this money has gone for relief labor, the total being \$2,154,000. Other expenditures included: Non-relief labor, \$299,000; materials and supplies, \$294,000; equipment, \$72,500; incidentals, \$17,000; and materials for sewing rooms, \$119,604.

In addition the WPA has distributed in these 17 counties 11,518 garments made in the sewing rooms.

The above figures, Mr. Breese said, do not include the cost of materials furnished by sponsors of projects, nor do they include the amount the sponsors have spent for skilled labor. On many projects the sponsors have been forced to pay for most of the skilled labor because such workers were not available on the relief rolls.

Rites for Mrs. Ridley Held in Atlanta

Mrs. Lula Wilson Ridley, widow of the Rev. Caleb A. Ridley, died in Atlanta, Ga., Sunday after an illness of several days with double pneumonia.

The funeral services were conducted in Atlanta on Monday. The body was laid to rest in Westview cemetery in that city.

The Rev. Caleb Ridley, who was reared in the Franklin community, was widely known as a Baptist minister, having held several important pastorates in this and other states. For some time he served one of the largest congregations in Atlanta.

CORRECTION

In the Macon Theatre program, printed on page 3 of this issue, the date for Saturday should read February 27 instead of March 27.

To Head Yale



NEW HAVEN . . . Charles Seymour (above), provost and history professor at Yale, is to succeed Dr. James R. Angell as president at the end of this year. He was elected by the directors, Feb. 13th.

LOCAL QUINT SHOWS SPEED

School Basketball Team Showing Improvement With Each Game

The Franklin basketball team, which has been practicing since the Christmas holidays, has been showing marked improvement with each game.

At the beginning of the season they played about eight practice games with CCC camps and other non-school teams and won about half of these. In the high school class they were beaten by the strong Robbinsville school, but in their next two games with the Clayton high school, once at Clayton, Ga., and once on their home court, they were victorious.

One of their best games was with the Franklin All-Stars, which was lost by the score of 52-46. Other games on schedule are with Lakemont, Burton and probably Highlands.

The boys who have shown best in the games to date are, J. P. Vinson, Billy Higdon, Dan Reynolds, Bo Henry, Sherill Henson, Dennis Penland and Claude Leatherman. Dennis Penland is the only senior in the 1937 squad.

The above boys and capable substitutes have been showing a keen interest in the sport and next year's team will probably be built around these boys.

Funeral Held

For Mrs. Margaret Henry Last Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Henry, 96, were held at the Ellijay Baptist church, Friday afternoon, Feb. 19, at 2:30. The Rev. W. B. Underwood, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, was in charge of the final rites.

Mrs. Henry died at her home on Ellijay Thursday morning at 4 o'clock, after a two weeks' illness with influenza. She had been a member of the Sugarfork Baptist church, later moving her membership to the Ellijay church, for more than 71 years.

Mrs. Henry was next to the oldest living woman in Macon county.

Surviving Mrs. Henry are four daughters, Mrs. Martin F. Jones, of Franklin; Mrs. Lon Ammons, of Prentiss; Mrs. Ervin Ammons, of Shortoff, and Miss Callie Henry, of Ellijay; and one son, J. P. Henry, of Struthers, Ohio; 21 grandchildren and 24 great-grand children.

SOLONS NEAR END OF WORK

Revenue, Appropriations Bills Taken Up; More Macon County Bills

With the local option liquor bill passed, ratified and safely out of the way the North Carolina General Assembly is moving this week toward enactment of the revenue bill and the appropriations measure.

The appropriations measure provides for the spending of approximately \$145,000,000 during the 1937-1939 biennium.

The passage of the revenue and appropriations measures will leave the way clear for adjournment which is expected about March 15.

More Macon County Bills

Representative Patton's bill relating to the tax books of Macon county has been passed by the house and sent to the senate. It provides "that beginning with the year 1938, no tax books in Macon county shall be turned over to the sheriff and or tax collector of said county by the county commissioners thereof until the first Monday in December of the year for which they have been prepared."

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to Patton's bill providing for the quadrennial assessment of property and appointment of tax listers for Macon county. It was ordered enrolled for ratification.

Also passed by the House was Representative Patton's bill to aid in the collection of delinquent taxes in Macon county.

The measure authorizes the county board of commissioners of Macon to appoint on the first Monday in May a delinquent tax collector to handle back taxes for 1927 to 1934. His salary would not exceed \$200 a month.

Two Bills Passed

Patton's bill to name C. S. Slagle, Bunyan Justice, and C. L. Garner to the Macon county Livestock commission was passed by the senate Wednesday.

His bill to fix the compensation of the members of the Macon county board of commissioners at \$4 per day, not exceeding 10 days pay in any one month, and mileage of five cents was also passed Wednesday.

Representative Patton's bill to regulate legal advertising in Macon county has been sent to the senate committee on counties, cities, and towns. It would prohibit Macon county and municipalities therein from paying more than 70 cents per inch for tax sales and foreclosures and other legal advertising. If newspapers will not accept this rate, the measure orders the legal notes posted at the courthouse and three public places.

His bill to regulate mutual burial associations in Macon county is before the house committee on judiciary one. It provides:

"That all funeral or burial associations now doing business in Macon county, N. C., under what is known as 'the Assessment Plan,' shall in their contracts, and, or policies, by-laws or other provisions already issued and made, provide that in the event of the death of a member of such funeral or burial association, in good standing, the said association shall cause to be paid in lawful currency or coin to any person, firm or corporation that may supply the merchandise and services for the burial of such member the amount charged for said merchandise and services not exceeding the amount contracted for and stipulated in the contracts and, or, policies, rules or by-laws of such association, and the excess, if any, shall be paid by said association in lawful currency or coin to the beneficiary of said deceased member."