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## SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Free School Books Will  
Be Available For All  
Grammar Grades

Macon county schools will open next Monday, August 2, with the exception of Franklin, Highlands and Oak Dale. The opening of Oak Dale school has been deferred until Monday, August 16.

Free textbooks are available for all grades up to and including grade seven, in accordance with an act passed at the last session of the general assembly.

M. D. Billings, county school superintendent stated that old school books would be used wherever possible, but that the new books necessary would be supplied to the various teachers as needed. He is having a room erected on the Franklin school grounds to house the new books.

## Baptist

Association to Meet With  
Coweeta Church

The Macon county Baptist association will meet with the Coweeta Baptist church Wednesday August 4, 1937.

The following program has been prepared:

10:00 a. m.—Song service; devotional; appoint reading clerks.

10:15 a. m.—Call for church letters; enroll messengers.

10:30 a. m.—Organization; recognize visitors.

11:00 a. m.—Song service and introductory sermon, by Rev. R. F. Mayberry.

12:00 p. m.—Dinner.

1:15 p. m.—Song and devotional.

1:20 p. m.—Appoint committees on nominations, place and preaching, finance and resolutions.

1:30 p. m.—Orphanage, Rev. A. T. Medford.

2:00 p. m.—Ministerial relief, Rev. D. C. McCoy.

2:30 p. m.—Christian education, Rev. A. J. Smith.

3:15 p. m.—Periodicals, T. M. Rickman.

3:30 p. m.—Hospitals, Rev. J. L. Vinson.

4:00 p. m.—Roll call of messengers. Adjourn to 8:00 p. m.

8:00 p. m.—Sermon by a visiting minister.

Thursday, August 5—Second Day

9:30 a. m.—Song service and devotional; reading of minutes.

9:40 a. m.—Stewardship and enlistment, Rev. W. L. Bradley.

10:00 a. m.—State, home and foreign missions, Walter Dean.

11:00 a. m.—Temperance, J. L. Sanders.

12:00 m.—Dinner.

1:15 p. m.—Song and devotional.

1:25 p. m.—Woman's Missionary union, Mrs. Vernon Higdon.

1:45 p. m.—Baptist training union, Glen Shuler.

2:05 p. m.—Sunday schools, Tom Stiles.

2:30 p. m.—State of churches, Rev. T. D. Denney.

2:50 p. m.—Associational promotion committee report.

3:00 p. m.—Reports of committees; miscellaneous business; resolutions; roll call; adjourn.

## 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. . . . . 9c

Fryers, heavy, lb. . . . . 18c

Fryers, light, lb. . . . . 15c

Eggs, doz. . . . . 19c

Corn, \$1.10; Wheat, \$1.00; Rye, \$1.00

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery  
Butterfat, lb. . . . . 27c

## Farmers Picnic

To Be Held at Tabernacle  
Saturday

Owing to the fact that the Franklin school property could not be secured for the occasion, the Farmers' Federation picnic will be held Saturday at Angel's tabernacle at the lower end of Wayah street, Bonny Crest.

A very large crowd is expected to attend and many enjoyable and profitable features are on the program.

The Angel tabernacle property is a very suitable place for the picnic and is as conveniently located as the school grounds.

Although the picnic is being sponsored by the Federation, it is open to all farm families in the county. Those attending are expected to bring well-filled lunch baskets. Lemonade will be served by the Federation.

## CONTESTS HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Winners Will Compete In  
Beauty Show and In  
State Contest

Many contestants have registered for the beauty contest, amateur contest, and a "Little Miss Macon county" contest to be held in the Macon county courthouse Friday evening. The Woman's Missionary society of the Franklin Methodist church is sponsoring the program.

The winners of the beauty contest and the amateur contest will compete in the All-States Beauty show and contest to be held in Biloxi, Miss., later this summer. All expenses of the contestants will be paid while they are there.

At the state contest the winners will receive a screen test and later compete in the national contest for "Miss United States" and "The United States Amateur winner." Radio auditions will be given the winners of all three contests.

The winner of the "Little Miss" contest will receive a cup.

Entrants in the Little Miss Macon county and beauty contest are being sponsored by business firms and professional men of the county.

Any form of wholesome entertainment will be acceptable, such as tap dancing, singing, impersonations, reciting, or any form of instrumental music. Any act may consist of one or more persons. However, at the state contest, the company will assume the expenses of only four persons in any one act.

Admission will be 10 and 25 cents and a very large attendance is expected.

## Tuberculosis Survey To Be Conducted

The North Carolina state board of health has arranged for a tuberculosis survey to be conducted in Macon county.

Dr. Denholm, who is connected with the state sanitarium, will hold clinics on August 6 and 7 at the county health department in the Higdon building. Clinic hours will be from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., Friday, August 6, and from 8:30 a. m. to 12 Saturday, August 7.

All persons who have been diagnosed as having tuberculosis and all persons who have been exposed to active cases of tuberculosis are eligible for, and urged to attend these clinics.

## Oak Dale School To Open August 16

Miss Nora Moody has announced that her school at Oak Dale will open August 16 instead of August 2. Patrons of the school are asked to bear the date in mind.

## Burrell Motor Company In New Quarters Saturday

## AUGUST TERM MACON COURT

Will Convene August 23;  
Judge E. C. Bivens  
To Preside

The August term of Macon superior court will convene on Monday, August 23, with Judge E. C. Rivers, of Mt. Airy, presiding.

The criminal docket is expected to be very light as there are no major criminal cases in prospect.

The civil calendar, which will be taken up immediately after the criminal docket is disposed of, contains some 48 cases, which will probably run the court well into the second week.

## Health Work

Two Dentists and Nurse  
Arrive in Franklin

Miss Josephine Dixon, of Greenville, N. C., has begun work as public health nurse for Macon county to succeed Mrs. Edith B. Harris who resigned a few weeks ago to accept a year's scholarship at Columbia University Medical Center, New York.

Miss Dixon comes to Franklin from the Durham health department with a fine record of service with the North Carolina state board of health, and her work will be in cooperation with the county physician and sanitary officer.

Drs. Masten and Stevens, dentists with the state board of health, have arrived to hold dental clinics for three months in Macon county for school children under 13 years. During the present they are conducting a clinic at Chapel school for colored children, at Rainbow Springs and Oak Ridge. Last year similar clinics were held in 21 schools in the county.

Under the present setup the health work being done in this county is made possible by funds from the U. S. public health service, N. C. state board of health and the county commissioners. The personnel consists of H. H. Plemons, sanitary engineer; Miss Josephine Dixon, full time health nurse; Dr. P. G. Padgett, of Bryson City, part time county health physician, who visits Macon county on Tuesday and Friday of each week, and Miss Susan M. McClure, office clerk.

## Charge Against Father And Son Dismissed

Sheriff A. B. Slagle, and Deputy Sheriff, John Dills, Wednesday arrested Marvin Holt, 48, and his son, Gerald, 25, both of the Highlands section, on a warrant sworn out in connection with the death of Alton Owen, 18, whose body was found in a lake near Highlands on Saturday, July 17.

The warrant for the arrest of the two men was sworn out by Miles Owen, of Satulah, Ga., father of Alton Owen.

The elder Holt and his son were placed under arrest and brought to jail pending a preliminary hearing, which was held in the courthouse Thursday afternoon before Magistrates Carpenter and Setser.

The case was dismissed for lack of evidence.

## Will Clean Off Clark's Chapel Cemetery

On Saturday, July 31, at Clark's Chapel Methodist church a group is planning to clear off the cemetery. Any folks, not living in the community but having relatives buried there, are invited to come and take part.

## Splendid New Building On Main Street Completed

The Burrell Motor company will be ready to welcome friends and customers Saturday in their splendid new building on Main street. It is the largest business structure in Franklin and is modern in every detail.

The building is 78x130 feet, two-story, brick and steel construction, and contains a beautiful display room, parts department, offices and repair and paint shop, all on the first floor. The second story will probably be for rental purposes. However, no definite agreement has been reached at this time, Mr. Burrell stated, and it will be left as it is for the present.

In front of the building is located the Main Street Service Station, managed by Lawrence and Thad Patton, who formerly operated the Patton Bros. Service Station.

This station is equipped with all the most modern devices for servicing cars and trucks and will be open for service day and night.

The present quarters of the Burrell Motor company will be closed all day Friday on account of the move, but will be open Saturday morning in the new location.

A special attraction Saturday at 2:30 p. m. will be a sale of seven cars, which will go to the highest bidders for cash. This feature of the opening will no doubt attract a large crowd and some spirited bidding is expected.

## Veteran Railroad Man Praises Franklin

Another "discoverer" of the Nantahala region has come and seen and been conquered by the unexpected beauty surrounding Franklin.

Irvin E. Smith, veteran employee of the Southern Railway general offices, Decatur, Ga., stopped in the office of the chamber of commerce and told of his overnight stop with his family in Franklin that had been continued for the remainder of his vacation.

"I have been profoundly impressed by the climate and the scenic beauty of the Franklin section, so much so, that, instead of continuing on our journey, decided to make Franklin my headquarters, making daily trips in every direction. I find all points of interest within easy access and many charming trips possible from Franklin as a comfortable base."

Mr. Smith has visited all the well known resorts of Western North Carolina and was surprised to find a vast section of wonderful scenery unknown to him.

"Franklin is within such easy distance of centers of population like Charlotte, Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, Atlanta, Chattanooga and Knoxville, that it should become a great playground for the surrounding states. Indeed, I have seen more cars from Pennsylvania and Ohio than any other states, this because of the great highway opened over the Smokies through New Found Gap."

Mr. Smith then proved his continued interest in the progress of this section by subscribing to The Franklin Press.

## Macon Delegates To Future Farmers Meet

Gartell Lancaster and Brownlow Addington were delegates to the state future farmers convention which was held in Raleigh July 24-28. They represented the Franklin chapter.

Mack Patton, who won in the district stock judging contest, also attended and took part in the state contest.

## 1937 TAX RATE FIXED AT \$1.30

Social Security and Debt  
Plan Cause Increase  
Of 25 Cents

At a called meeting held Monday the Macon county board of commissioners set the 1937 tax rate and discussed several other matters. The county-wide tax rate was set at \$1.30 on the \$100.00 valuation, divided as follows:

General fund	.15
Jail and court	.05
Pauper fund	.05
Health	.05
Social security	.20
Debt service	.65
School debt service	.12
Schools, capital outlay	.03
	\$1.30

## Debt Refunding

The plan proposed for refunding the county's indebtedness will be put into operation Monday, 82 per cent of the bondholders having signed the agreement.

Under this plan the interest rate is reduced from an average of 5.64 to 4.75 and the past due interest will be settled for 50 cents on the dollar.

The tax rate last year was \$1.05 and the increase this year amounts to 25 cents on the hundred, 20 cents of which was made necessary by the social security program. The refinancing plan, therefore, necessitated an increase of only five cents on the hundred to take care of the county's bonded obligations.

The money is on hand to settle all accrued interest on bonded indebtedness, and the new bonds will be issued and exchanged for those now held as soon as the legal formalities can be completed.

## FALLING TREE CAUSES DEATH

C. M. Reeves, 52, Killed  
When Tree Splits  
In Descending

Charles Martin Reeves, 52, of the Oak Dale section, was killed last Thursday afternoon when his head and chest was crushed by a falling tree.

Mr. Reeves was cutting acid wood on a tract of government land for his brother, J. C. Reeves, who had purchased the timber. A forked tree split open as it fell against another tree, causing one limb to strike him in the chest. He lived for only 45 minutes after the accident.

Funeral services were held at the home Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with Rev. Virgil Ramey, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness church of Cullasaja, in charge. Burial was in the Tippet cemetery near the Reeves home.

## Rev. A. R. Morgan To Preach Here Sunday

Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of St. John's church, Columbia, S. C., will be the preacher at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning at St. Agnes' Episcopal church. Mr. Morgan is a Macon county boy and it is expected that a large number of his friends will turn out to hear him. Visitors are cordially invited to be present.

## Siler Reunion To Be Held August 5

The Siler family will hold the annual reunion at "Sunnyside Farm," the home of Mrs. W. W. Sloan, on Thursday, August 5.

The Siler reunions are always largely attended and the crowd this year is expected to be larger than ever before.