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## FOREST OFFICE CHANGES MADE

**R. V. Miles And W. B. Wise Transferred To Other Sections**

The following changes in forest service personnel were announced today by Paul H. Gerrard, supervisor of the Nantahala national forest:

R. V. Miles, Jr., who has held the position of senior forest ranger in charge of the Wayah ranger district for more than three years, will be transferred to the Hiwassee district of the Cherokee national forest this month. The new assignment represents a promotion and will require added administrative responsibilities for Mr. Miles. The Hiwassee district has a large volume of timber sales and its net acreage is much larger than that of the Wayah district. Mr. Miles' successor on the Wayah district has not yet been announced.

W. B. Wise, who has been on the Nantahala National forest for more than a year, is being transferred to the Sumter national forest in South Carolina. John E. Hamer from the Florida national forest will assume Mr. Wise's position as clerk in the Nantahala office.

Both Mr. Miles and Mr. Wise have been popular with the people of Macon county during their residence here, and have made many friends who will regret their leaving.

## School Lunches

**To Be Furnished Needy Children In County**

It is announced from Washington that a WPA project was approved on August 2, providing for the expenditure of \$5,406.00 for the furnishing of school lunches without cost to needy or undernourished children in Macon county. This project will operate throughout the county and will be under the direction of the county board of education.

The Press received notification of the approval of this project through the office of Congressman Zebulon Weaver.

**Eminent Musician To Sing At St. Agnes**

Mary Pickens Opie, wife of the Rev. Thomas F. Opie, of Washington, will sing the offertory at the evening service at 8 o'clock on Sunday next. Her selection will be "Sun of My Soul," to a setting of her own composition.

Mrs. Opie is well known in North Carolina as musician and composer, having served as first chairman of music of the North Carolina Parent-Teacher Association, and while resident in this state was active in the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs. More recently her work has been recognized in her home state of Alabama in the second volume of "Musical Alabama," and by the District of Columbia branch of the League of American Pen Women, of which she serves as co-chairman of music, from which she has received a national award for her composition, "Hollyhocks." Mrs. Opie has had the honor of singing several of her compositions for Mrs. Roosevelt this year, and has received wide recognition for her music and poetry compositions.

Mrs. Opie is the guest of Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson at Trimont Inn.

**Funeral Conducted For Sanders Infant**

Funeral services for Leroy Sanders, three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Sanders, of Prentiss, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Pleasant Hill Baptist cemetery. He died Friday night at 11 o'clock.

## New Pastor

**Of Local Baptist Church Assumes Duties**

The Rev. C. F. Rogers, newly elected pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, and Mrs. Rogers moved to Franklin from Andrews last Friday, and Mr. Rogers conducted the morning and evening services here Sunday.

The new pastor and his wife come highly recommended and are being given a cordial welcome to Franklin.

Mrs. Rogers was honored with a handkerchief shower by the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Andrews Baptist church before her departure for Franklin. Mrs. Rogers is director of young people's work in the Western North Carolina Baptist association.

## FRANKLIN MAN DIES SUDDENLY

**Avery Cunningham Passes In Moultrie, Ga., Sunday**

W. Avery Cunningham, 31, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Franklin, dropped dead in a drug store at Moultrie, Ga., at 7 o'clock Saturday night.

Mr. Cunningham was in Moultrie looking for work. Unable to secure work, he was planning to return to Atlanta when he was stricken. Death was believed due to a heart attack. The body was identified by Major S. A. Harris, of Moultrie, formerly of Franklin.

Mr. Cunningham left here in 1931, going to Clayton, Ga., where he was in the mercantile business. Later he moved to Atlanta.

Surviving are his father, W. C. Cunningham, of Los Angeles, Calif.; his mother, Mrs. B. A. Lowe, of Clearwater, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Nix, of Atlanta; one brother, Edwin Cunningham, of Sandersville, Ga.; two children, Barbara Sue and Buddie, of Atlanta; his grandmother, Mrs. E. K. Cunningham, of Franklin, and his grandfather, James Jarrett, of Clyde.

The body was taken to Clearwater, Fla., the home of his mother, for funeral services and interment.

**One Prisoner Escapes, Another Gets Stuck**

Milo Sanders, charged with violation of the prohibition law, escaped from the Macon county jail Sunday night, and Emory Day, held for housebreaking and larceny, made strenuous efforts to get away, but when halfway through the window became so tightly wedged that he was unable to move, and it required hard labor on the part of Deputy Sheriff John Dills to get him out.

Both Sanders and Day, it is said, had recently completed terms on the road and were being held for trial by the superior court.

The men prized apart some bars on the second floor of the jail where a previous jail break had occurred, and Sanders went through easily, but Day was too large for the hole, and was dangling helplessly in the air when John Dills came upon the scene.

**Robert Smart Killed In Washington**

Wilson Smart received a message Friday night of the death of his brother, Robert Smart, who was killed in an automobile accident in the state of Washington.

Mr. Smart, who had been making his home in Washington, was hurt Friday morning about 9 o'clock, dying at 3 o'clock the same day. He was the son of Mrs. Joe Smart and the late Mr. Smart, of Franklin.

## SILER REUNION HELD AUGUST 4

**Family Gathers In 88th Annual Meeting At Jones Home**

The 88th reunion of the Siler family was held on August 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Jones on the Georgia road.

A perfect setting for this gathering of the clan of Siler, which takes place each year at the home of the family in Macon county, the beautiful Jones home welcomed four generations in the hundred and fifty in attendance.

The widely sweeping lawn, with superb view of the Fishhawk mountains, was the gathering place of the young boys and girls growing up to take the places of the parents and grandparents who assembled on the spacious terrace and porch while many of all ages prepared delicious viands for the picnic dinner under the white pine trees in the sunken garden where long tables and inviting seats had been built for the occasion.

A table for the "older folks" on the terrace was presided over by "Aunt Hattie" Moore, mother of Mrs. A. B. Slagle, who remembers attending the first reunion, carrying her 96 years lightly, and who received the homage of all at her seat with the older members on the broad veranda. The youngest of the new generation were the three-months-old twin girls of Mr. and Mrs. Phil McCollum. Mrs. Jennie Noland, who also attended the meeting in 1851 as an infant, was present.

The large grounds accommodated cars from the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Texas.

Among the out-of-town members attending were Mrs. Kope Elias and her son, Dr. Lewis Elias, with Mrs. Elias and their son; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Weaver and Miss Florence Gray, from Asheville; Clifford Harrison, of Texas, who had not attended a reunion for 24 years; Miss Harriet Kinnebrew, of Atlanta, and the Rev. Rufus A. Morgan, of Columbia, S. C.

As it is the custom to invite the ministers of the community and the county newspaper representative, these were present and taken into the family with the hospitable greeting of "cousin."

After the feast of "food and fellowship," the family meeting was called to order by the chairman, Carl Slagle, and the minutes were read by the secretary, James Gray, of Washington. James Gray's father, "Cousin Tom," was secretary for over 50 years, the son filling the post faithfully since his father's death, having missed only one meeting when in South America.

The reports of family happenings and history were read—the record of those who have passed on since the last meeting, of birth and marriages, of young people who have graduated from school and college, and of those who have done anything worthy of note.

The Rev. Rufus A. Morgan, son of Fannie Siler, opened the meeting with prayer, and the meeting closed with "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

So happy was this reunion at the beautiful home of the Joneses, that the clan decided that "whereas" "Cousin Maude" entertained them this year, they would meet in the same place as the guests of "Cousin Gilmer" in 1939.

**To Clean Coweta Cemetery August 27**

People who have relations and friends buried in the Coweta Baptist cemetery are urgently requested to help clean off the cemetery on Saturday, August 27.

It will be an all-day affair, and the people are asked to come early and bring basket lunches.

## Eighth Annual Macon County Farm Tour Made Wednesday—Many Attend

**Seventy-Five Cars and Trucks Carry Farmers, Farm Women and Others On Trip; Holly Springs Ladies Serve Excellent Lunch**

More than 75 cars and trucks left the Agricultural building Wednesday morning to go on the farm tour, sponsored by the Rotarians of Franklin.

The motorcade left Franklin at 9 o'clock and traveled the Cat creek road, entering the Cat creek and Rabbit creek watershed area. This area is a special study area under the supervision of the Tennessee Valley Authority and the North Carolina extension service, with the farmers cooperating for the purpose of better homes and soil improvement.

The first stop of the tour was made at the home of E. V. Ammons, where a flock of 172 New Hampshire Red pullets were shown. Out of 306 chickens bought the latter part of April only seven were lost. Here was also shown a new brooder and laying house.

A trench silo has recently been built in connection with the barn. Twenty-five head of Poland China hogs and pigs were shown along with 23 Shropshire sheep, seven Guernsey and five Hereford cattle.

An inspection of the pasture, a four-acre project, was made next. During the past winter the soil was tested to determine the shortage of lime and phosphate. As a result of this test, 1,000 pounds of lime, 200 pounds of triple super-phosphate per acre was used. The land was lightly plowed and a mixture of the following was sown: six pounds of orchard grass, six pounds of blue grass, six pounds of white Dutch clover and 10 pounds of lespedeza. This mixture was seeded the first of April and will remain unused the remainder of the year. An unusually good stand of the mixture was obtained, and is therefore rapidly choking out the broom sage.

Leaving the Ammons farm the next stop was made at the farm of C. A. Bryson, where a timber stand improvement demonstration was inspected.

The attractively landscaped yard of Turner E. Breedlove was next viewed. This work was not all under the supervision of the home demonstration agent, but a considerable amount of work was given by the agent.

The last stop was at the home of Silas J. Dean. Here an ideal country home was found in a ravine with rugged slopes on either side.

The beautiful yard was landscaped three years ago, with the walk and steps made of rocks and sand off the farm. An attractive rock garden has also been made. The stream which flows down by the house is to be widened, and by this an out-door living room will be built soon.

Following the lunch a very interesting program, arranged by Sam W. Mendenhall, county agent, was given in dedication of the new Agricultural building.

Those taking part were: Gwynn Denton, area supervisor of WPA of this area; Carl S. Slagle, who spoke on the benefits derived from the using of triple super-phosphate and the need of improving pastures in Macon county; Fred S. Sloan, who made a short talk on the improvements of the farms in the county and the advantages of having a new building to house the county agents, thus enabling them to do more profitable work. Mr. Sloan also introduced the principal speaker, Dean I. O. Schaub, director of agricultural work in North Carolina, and dean of the school of Agriculture at North Carolina State College. He spoke in regard to the special work which is being carried on by the farmers and farm women of the Cat and Rabbit creek watershed area, in cooperation with the agricultural extension service and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

This was the first special study area selected in North Carolina and only one more in the state, which is in Mitchell county. This study is to be continued over a period of years, and involves each individual farm and home pertaining to the operations, such as proper land use, crop rotation and home and community improvements. He also pointed out the fact that beginning with George Washington and other great leaders, they had all worked toward a better land use program, to preserve and maintain the fertility of the soil so that the future generations might carry on a profitable agriculture over a long period of years.

It was this realization which brought about the present agricultural conservation program, sponsored by the federal government and handled through the county agents' offices by local and county committeemen. With good pastures, good land and good livestock, a better farm income is produced, which brings about improved homes, a higher standard of living and a better educated future generation. Other short talks were made by A. E. Perry, chief engineer of the WPA, and George B. Patton, mayor of Franklin, who spoke on the advantages of Macon county having a building suitable for the county's necessities.

The lunch was served by the ladies of the Holly Springs community to approximately 500 people. This tour was considered by many to be by far the best tour ever held in Macon county.

## Bus Drivers

**Appointed For Franklin Schools**

Principal J. R. Wells of the Franklin school, announces the appointment of the following drivers for the seven buses which serve the school:

- No. 1—To the Georgia line, Parkers Norton.
- No. 2—To Tellico, etc., George Byrd.
- No. 3—To Burningtown and Wallace, Dover Duvall.
- No. 4—To Rainbow Springs, etc., Wayne Rodes.
- No. 5—To Middle Creek, Tesenta and Clark's Chapel, Ted Blaine.
- No. 6—To Gold Mine, Sugarfork and Ellijay, Everett Mashburn.
- No. 7—To Brendletown, Rabbit Creek and Bryson's Store, James Max Raby.

Bus drivers are required to report to the principal at the high school at 10 a. m. on August 24, to receive instructions. They will also get their buses at that time.

**Young Family Holds Annual Reunion**

The annual reunion of the Young family was held at the home of J. L. Young on Route 2, Sunday, August 7.

All of the children were present, as well as the following out-of-state visitors: M. N. Long, Amity, Ga., father of Mrs. Young; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Graham and H. H. Graham, Jr., Naraga, Fla.; Mrs. G. W. Moody and daughter, Naraga, Fla.; Miss Clara Frances Sayers, Redland, Fla.

A picnic dinner was served in the grove.