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## MASS MEETING DRAWS CROWD

### Social Welfare Problems Discussed By State Leaders

A large gathering of citizens, not only from the immediate vicinity, but from more distant places in the county, including a number from Highlands, attended the mass meeting sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies at the Franklin Methodist church on Monday evening.

The occasion was arranged for addresses made by representatives of the state department of charities and public welfare, Raleigh, on the invitation of Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, county superintendent of public welfare and the council. The chairman, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, outlined the purpose of the Council of Social Agencies as being an opportunity not only for the workers to know each other and obtain a better knowledge of their work and problems, but also to help the entire citizenship to become acquainted with all agencies for social betterment working in the county, with all those added benefits that come through mutual understanding and cooperation.

#### Nathan Yellton Speaks

Nathan H. Yellton, state director of public assistance, explained the present status of old age assistance, which is provided for by the federal government furnishing one-half of the funds, the state and county one-fourth, respectively. Mr. Yellton also spoke of the constructive work accomplished by aid to dependent children, which is operated on a one-third basis; federal, state and county funds contributed in equal amounts. This enables a large percentage of fatherless children to remain in the homes where support would be otherwise inadequate. The necessity of larger appropriations from the legislature for the extension of aid was cited by Mr. Yellton.

Mrs. W. B. Aycock, director of county organizations of public welfare, commended Macon county on its organization and spirit of cooperation, stating that the Council of Social Agencies that makes more efficient through cooperation the

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### Churches To Join In Thanksgiving Service

The annual Thanksgiving service for the churches of the community will be held in the Franklin Methodist church at 9 o'clock on Thanksgiving morning with the Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Baptist church, bringing a special message.

Various ministers of the community will take part in the service with the members of the various choirs furnishing the music.

A special offering will be received for the orphanages of the churches represented. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Moose Lodge To Give Box Supper And Dance

The Moose lodge of Franklin will sponsor a box supper and cake walk, followed by a free square dance at the agricultural building Friday night, November 18, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The proceeds will go to the school lunch room and the Macon county Christmas tree.

There will be no admission charge and the public is invited to attend.

### St. Agnes Auxiliary To Hold Food Sale

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Agnes' church will hold a Thanksgiving food sale on Wednesday, November 23, at the Nantahala Power & Light company's office. A large variety of food will be offered for sale. Orders for special foods will be filled if customers will notify Mrs. W. H. Sellers or Mrs. Frank Bloxham of their needs.

## School Buses

### In Macon County Operate At Very Low Cost

Figures given out by M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, show that the 10 buses serving the schools in Franklin and Highlands are operated at extremely low cost.

The average operating cost per mile of school buses over the entire state is given .0697, while those of Macon county are costing only .0344, less than half the state average.

Mr. Billings attributes the low cost of operation in this county to the careful handling of the vehicles by the 10 drivers and the skillful work of the mechanics who service them. These mechanics are L. B. Phillips, of Franklin, and W. A. Bryson, of Highlands.

The information in regard to the average cost of operation over the state and in Macon county was contained in a letter to Mr. Billings from the state school commission at Raleigh.

## PANTHERS LOSE TO MURPHY 12-6

### Locals Played Excellent Game But Luck Was Against Them

The Franklin football team succumbed last Friday to one of its most powerful opponents, the Murphy Bulldogs. It was a thrilling game for the spectators. First one team was ahead and then the other.

At the beginning of the game, it looked as though the Panthers would make a clean sweep to victory as six first downs were made before the whistle blew for the end of the first quarter, and gain was made on every play. Not until the second quarter did the Panthers make the first touchdown of the game, when John Slagle carried the ball across the goal line.

At the half, the score was 6-6, Murphy having scored a touchdown after a punt was blocked on her twenty-yard line. The home team approached closely her goal twice, and four minutes before the game was over, it looked as though Franklin, with its fierce aerial attack, would score again, but Lady Luck frowned on the Franklin boys and cut short their final desperate effort for victory, the score being 12-6.

Higdon, Hunnicutt, and Slagle were outstanding in the backfield, each making several long runs.

The line was weaker than usual on account of the absence of Captain Charles Setser, valuable center, who played excellently in every game. It was evident that the Panthers felt his loss greatly.

In the line, Harry Higgins played the best game he has played this season.

Franklin Meets Sylva Here Friday  
When the Golden Hurricane of Sylva invades the Franklin field here Friday a real contest is expected.

More than 500 persons are expected to witness this last home game of the season.

The heavier Sylva team has the advantage on account of several casualties in the Franklin team, including Captain Setser. Although the Panthers are playing under handicaps, they will enter the game in good spirits with the determination to upset the Golden Hurricane.

### Curb Market To Be Open November 23

Mrs. J. S. Gray, manager of the Franklin curb market, announces that the market will be open on Wednesday, November 23 (the day before Thanksgiving) and also on Saturday after Thanksgiving.

All who need turkeys are asked to see the ladies at the market and place their orders next Saturday.

## Dies Suddenly



VANCE A. BROWNING

## V. A. BROWNING DIES SUDDENLY

### Was Head Of Education Division Of Farmers Federation

Vance A. Browning, 46, educational director of the Farmers Federation, and former state senator, was stricken by a heart attack in Raleigh Wednesday morning about 6 o'clock and died within a few minutes. Mr. Browning, who had been for years a leader in the work of the Baptist church in Bryson City, where he made his home, was attending the State Baptist convention in Raleigh.

Mr. Browning was born in Macon county, May 6, 1892 and attended Oak Grove elementary school, Iotla high school and Cowee high school.

He taught for two years in the Macon county school system, and in 1922 moved to Bryson City. He taught for nine years in the Swain county schools, and held various political offices.

In 1923 he was named register of deeds of Swain county, and in 1926 was elected clerk of superior court, a position he held for eight years. He was sent to the state senate from the 33rd district in 1935, and in August, 1935 was chosen to head the newly-created education department of the Farmers Federation.

In this capacity he conducted training schools sponsored by the cooperative, and directed the annual picnics in the various counties. Friends said his duties were heavy during the past summer, and only last September his physician advised him of a heart condition which might become worse.

#### Was Widely Known

Mr. Browning was widely known for his work among young people and his church activities.

He had served as superintendent of the Sunday School Interdenominational association, chairman of the American Red Cross chapter in Swain county, superintendent of the Smoky Mountain and Tennessee River Sunday School associations, and for the past 10 years had been Sunday school superintendent of the First Baptist church at Bryson City.

Several years ago Mr. Browning was made an honorary member of the 20th district bar association.

Surviving are his widow, the former Nannie Bell West; his father, C. R. Browning; four brothers, Harley Browning, Charles Browning, Frank Browning, of Macon county, and Humphrey Browning, of Bryson City; and one sister, Mrs. Zeb Morrow, of Andrews.

#### Funeral In Bryson City

The body was taken to Bryson City today (Thursday) and funeral services will be conducted at 11 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) morning at the First Baptist church there. The Rev. C. W. Rogers will officiate, and burial will be at Oak Grove cemetery in Macon county Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

## School Library

### Adds 1,418 Books During Drive Last Week

As a result of the book drive by the grades of the high school and the elementary school during National Book Week, 1,418 new books were added to the school library.

The seventh grade entered the race with the high school while the other elementary grades competed separately. Miss Porter's seventh grade gave 413 books. This was the greatest number brought by any one room, so this class received highest recognition.

Mr. Moses' ninth grade, contributing 208 books, was the next highest winner in high school.

Of the elementary grades, Mrs. Barrington's fifth grade was at the top in the race with 108 books. Next to the top came Mrs. Hunter's third grade which brought 65 books.

All winning grades were given the privilege of attending free, the football game Friday as a reward for their most worthwhile service to the school.

The teachers and pupils are all proud of the many interesting and valuable books which were added to the library during the book drive, and the books brought by each room are appreciated whether they were few or many.

Among the books received were some early editions of Dickens and some McGuffey readers. These are being catalogued and repaired by WPA workers.

Because of the increase in number of books and circulation, it has been found necessary to employ an assistant librarian furnished by WPA.

## START NURSERY SCHOOL MONDAY

### Project Gets Under Way As Part Of WPA Activities

A nursery school was started in Franklin on Monday.

This is a project of the WPA recreational program, of which Dr. T. J. O'Neil is the supervisor. The school is being held every morning from 9 to 12 in the agricultural building on Church street.

Two competent teachers are in charge to supervise the activities of the children. The advisory committee of the project is headed by the Rev. Frank Bloxham.

Since this is a WPA program all labor necessary is furnished. Materials, however, must be donated, and are the responsibility of the advisory committee. There is no charge to the parents of the children who attend the nursery school, so that all funds must be donated or raised by other means.

This nursery school fills a great need in Franklin. There are a great many children of pre-school age who need community activity and who will greatly enjoy playing and learning together. All children of this age are welcome. Parents are urged to bring or to send their children to the agricultural building any morning except Saturday.

All persons who will contribute money or materials can help this project to be a large factor in the county educational program.

### J. M. Rimmer Passes At Home In Mebane

News was received in Franklin this (Thursday) morning of the death of J. M. Rimmer at Mebane. Mr. Rimmer was the father of Dr. R. M. Rimmer, of Franklin, and Dr. and Mrs. Rimmer have been in Mebane for several days at his bedside.

Funeral services were held in Mebane this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dr. Rimmer has the sympathy of all his Franklin friends in his bereavement.

## RED CROSS

## ROLL CALL

### Work Started November 11; New Officers Nominated

The annual Red Cross roll call opened in Franklin and Macon county last Friday morning, November 11.

Supplies and final instructions were given to the workers at a get-together and supper in the American Legion hall Thursday evening.

Following the supper the meeting was called to order by the Rev. Harry S. Williams, chairman. A skit, "Setting the Goal," was given by several of the workers under the direction of Mrs. Helen Macon. Those taking part in the skit were: Miss Josephine Dixon, Mrs. J. E. Perry, Dr. W. E. Furr, L. B. Liner, J. R. Wells, the Rev. H. S. Williams, and Hayes E. Overcash.

Miss Josephine Dixon, county health nurse, made a short talk on hygiene and care of the sick in the rural homes. Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, county welfare superintendent, spoke on the welfare work done in the county.

The Rev. Frank Bloxham, former roll call chairman of Macon county, spoke mainly on the work of the Red Cross.

Among the workers are: Mrs. Ray Brandt, Mrs. H. E. Church, Mrs. Martha C. Shields, Mrs. Henry Slagle, Mrs. Helen Macon, Miss Jennie Gilliam, Mrs. Harry S. Higgins, Mrs. Carl P. Cabe, Mrs. Lester Conley, Mrs. Ben Woodruff, Mrs. J. C. Wright, Mrs. J. E. Perry, Miss Josephine Dixon, Mrs. J. D. Franks, Mrs. Ray Swanson, Mrs. W. H. Sellers, Charles Russell, Dr. J. E. Perry, and others of Franklin; the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. DuFree, the Rev. W. F. Beadle, Mrs. Frank Potts, and Mrs. Thompson, of Highlands.

#### New Officers Nominated

The nominating committee, composed of J. E. Perry, Mrs. Pearl Wright and Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, recommended the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

Chairman, Harley R. Cabe, Franklin; vice-chairman, James C. Mell, Highlands; treasurer, Lawrence Liner, Franklin; secretary, Mrs. Carl P. Cabe, Franklin; home service-secretary, Dr. W. E. Furr, Franklin; disaster relief, Rev. Frank Bloxham, Franklin; first aid and life saving, Miss Josephine Dixon, Franklin; Junior Red Cross, Mrs. J. O. Werner, Franklin; Roll Call chairman, Rev. Harry S. Williams, Franklin; public information, (publicity), Mrs. Lester Conley, Franklin; finance committee, Lawrence Liner, Henry W. Cabe, the Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

### Thanksgiving Service To Be Held At St. Agnes

Thanksgiving Day will be observed at St. Agnes church with a service at 9 o'clock in the morning which will not last longer than an hour. The service is arranged at this early hour so that all may attend and still have ample time to do other necessary things or to go on trips to other places.

An address will be given by the Rev. Frank Bloxham and all citizens are urged to attend and begin the day with a note of thankfulness to Almighty God for all the blessings He has given to us.

The offering will be sent to the Thompson Orphanage, Episcopal institution in Charlotte, to help in the work of feeding and clothing orphan children.

William Ingram, of Eugene, Ore., came in last week to spend the winter with his mother, Mrs. C. L. Ingram, at her home on Franklin Route 4.