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DEATH CLAIMS

MRS. M'GAHA, 73

Was Well Known Resident
Of West's Mill
Section

Mrs. Jennie Morrison McGaha, 73, widely known resident of the West's Mill section, died at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. McGaha suffered a stroke of paralysis at 12:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret Bryson Morrison and was born on February 6, 1866. She and her twin brother, James M. Morrison, observed their 73rd birthday with a dinner at her home on Sunday, February 5.

She married the late W. A. McGaha on January 14, 1886, and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1936. Mr. McGaha died on June 17, 1937. Mrs. McGaha joined Cowee Baptist church when she was a girl. She had made her home in the Cowee section all her life.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon at Cowee Baptist church. The Rev. R. F. Mayberry, pastor, officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor of the Franklin circuit. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robert Rickman, Derald Queen, William Rickman, Frank Roper, Joe Rickman and Arthur Shepherd.

Mrs. McGaha is survived by three children, F. Pierce McGaha, of Seattle, Wash., and Alaska; J. Fred McGaha, of West's Mill, and Mrs. Lester S. Conley, of Franklin; four grandchildren; three brothers, James M. Morrison, of Etna; Ed Morrison, of Darby, Mont., and Samuel Morrison, of Marietta, Ga.

P-T. A. To Observe Founders' Day

Founders' Day will be celebrated at the regular meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teachers Association which will be held at the schoolhouse on Monday afternoon, February 20, at 3 o'clock.

An interesting program will include an address on Founders' Day by J. R. Wells, principal, and vocal solos by Mrs. Frank Bloxham.

The opening hymn will be "America the Beautiful," and the Rev. I. L. Roberts will conduct the devotional exercises. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

The president, Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., and treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Page, earnestly request the prompt payment of the 25 cents annual dues, as the membership is determined by the number who have paid, and all want to see an increase in this year's enrollment.

Ministers Organize County Association

The ministers of the several churches of Franklin and the county met last week and organized a Ministers' Association. This association includes the pastors of all denominations and its aim is to promote better cooperation between all of the different denominations and to unify the churches in the county in an effort to encourage and promote finer Christian living throughout the county. The Rev. C. F. Rogers of the Franklin Baptist church was elected president; the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, vice-president; and the Rev. H. S. Williams, of the Franklin Methodist circuit, secretary.

Mrs. S. H. Lyle To Operate Trimont Inn

Trimont Inn will be operated this year by the owner, Mrs. S. H. Lyle, who is having extensive improvements and redecorating done.

Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Jr., will have active management of the Inn, which will be opened to the public early in the season.

J. C. Henderson

Passes At Cullasaja On
Wednesday

John Calhoun Henderson, 86, well known resident of the Cullasaja section died Wednesday morning at his home following an illness of four months. Death was attributed to heart trouble.

Mr. Henderson, who was born March 11, 1852, was the son of the late Canada and Polly Henderson. He had lived in Macon county all his life. He was a member of Pine Grove Baptist church. He married Miss Catherine Russell in 1882. She died several years ago.

Funeral services were conducted at Sugarfork Baptist church at 1 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon, conducted by the Rev. J. I. Vinson and the Rev. J. A. Flanagan. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Nettie Henderson, of Cullasaja, and Mrs. Arleecy Duell, of Norfolk, Va.; four sons, C. W. and T. T. Henderson, of Cullasaja; Warren Henderson, of Gneiss, and William Henderson, of Washington, D. C.; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

PETITIONS FOR GAME REFUGE

Citizens Ask Standing
Indian Reserve Be
Maintained

The following petition is being circulated and is being signed by citizens who wish to cooperate with the United States forest service and North Carolina department of conservation and development in their joint program for the restocking of the Nantahala national forest with game and fish:

"To the United States Forest Service and North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development:

"The undersigned, all being citizens and freeholders of Macon county, North Carolina, respectfully request that the Standing Indian game refuge and the Wayah game refuge both be maintained. We further request that the United States forest service and the North Carolina department of conservation and development work toward the end of later consolidating these two refuges into one large refuge to extend from the Georgia line on the south along the Nantahala range to the Swain county line on the north."

The petitions are in the hands of W. T. Moore, Horton Williams, J. E. Perry, T. W. Angel, Jr., and J. S. Conley.

This action is prompted by the circulating of a petition, presented February 6 at the meeting of the county commissioners, and signed by some 400 citizens to the effect that the upper Nantahala is unfit for raising deer, and requesting that the Standing Indian game refuge be abandoned.

Three letters from citizens in the Standing Indian vicinity have been published in The Press on January 19 and February 2, expressing the desire that the Standing Indian game refuge be abandoned so that stock may be grazed thereon.

Jesse James Feature At Macon Theatre

Darryle F. Zanuck's production of "Jesse James," spectacular drama of the nation's most famous outlaw, and the turbulent events of his time, will be shown at the Macon Theatre at 11 p. m. next Tuesday, February 21, and on Wednesday and Thursday, February 22 and 23 at 3:30, 7 and 9 p. m. This is one of the most talked-of pictures of recent times and is in technicolor.

ATHLETIC FIELD PLAN APPROVED

Funds Allotted By WPA
To Improve High School
Ball Grounds

That Franklin will have a real baseball field for the coming season seems now assured.

An allotment of approximately \$4,000 for the improvement of the high school athletic field has been approved by WPA authorities, and the work is to be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

The project is sponsored jointly by Macon county, the town of Franklin and WPA. The money is to be disbursed through the office of the county commissioners, and WPA labor will be used.

A large sewer main will be laid in the ditch across the field and the ditch covered over. The hill is to be graded down to enlarge the field and to provide space for seats. The baseball diamond will be changed around so that it will not interfere with the football goal posts, and other improvements are planned to make this field as good as can be found anywhere in this section.

Work was scheduled to start Tuesday morning, but the heavy rains made it impossible for the men to work. It is expected, however, that a large crew will be at work every day when the weather permits until the job is finished.

World Day Of Prayer To Be Observed

The World Day of Prayer will be observed by the Franklin churches with a union service sponsored by the women's missionary societies of the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches on Friday afternoon, February 24, at 3 o'clock.

The program will be shared by the various churches, which will be part of a world-wide prayer service encircling the globe on the first Friday in Lent.

A World Fellowship of Prayer

The following is quoted from one of the folders entitled "The Church, a World Fellowship":

"The first Friday in Lent is rapidly coming to symbolize for the Christian women of the world the spiritual unity of Christ's Church. In many different languages, in heat and in cold, in tiny country communities and great cities, in small chapels and immense cathedrals, on this day we become conscious of one another as the body of our Lord, joined together in prayer. From widely separated places voices speak of this unity."

Christian missions throughout the world, in every country, will observe the day with prayers for better interracial and international understanding and for world peace.

The offering at the meeting in Franklin will be devoted to work among needy children under the direction of the National Committee of Church Women representing the evangelical churches of the United States.

Mrs. R. A. Anderson Passes February 12

Mrs. R. A. Anderson, 75, died on Sunday, February 12, of pneumonia.

Mrs. Anderson, before her marriage to R. A. Anderson in April, 1913, was Miss Grace Evelyn Cloer, and was born August 27, 1864. She joined the Cartoogechaye Baptist church early in life and remained a devout Christian until her death. She was loved and esteemed by all who knew her.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by one niece, Mrs. Dave Guffey, and one nephew, Judson Williams, both of Franklin, and many other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Maiden Chapel on Monday, February 13, conducted by the Rev. G. G. Cloer. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Rally Day

For Colored Community
House Draws Crowd

Rally Day for the proposed community building drew a large crowd of the colored citizens that filled the Chapel school Sunday afternoon.

The occasion was the presentation of the land for the site of the building which is to be constructed by NYA. The special speaker invited for the occasion was the Rev. D. E. Thompson, of Waynesville, who congratulated the assembly on their response to the leadership of H. R. Kemp, superintendent of the school.

In his stirring address, he appealed to his race to raise their standards through education and good citizenship, stating that the interest and friendship of their white neighbors always stood ready to give aid. The speaker outlined the part played by the Negro in the building of the nation and in the World War, urging the faithful continuance of this honorable record.

The Rev. E. Johnson McKay read the scripture lesson and introduced the speaker.

Land Donated

In the absence of the Rev. Frank Bloxham, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson made the presentation address on behalf of the Episcopal church's donation of a lot adjoining the Chapel school for the community house. A speech of acceptance and appreciation was made by Superintendent Kemp.

Mrs. Margaret Ordway, supervisor of NYA, announced that the logs were being cut and other arrangements made to begin work at once, and congratulated the people for their cooperation.

Adult Education

Superintendent Kemp announced that classes in adult education would begin February 21 and continue on Tuesday and Thursday nights for the benefit of all who desired to take the courses offered by the school faculty, who are giving their services without pay.

A program of music was rendered by the pupils of the school with the singing of the Negro national anthem by all as the closing hymn. F. K. Davis, teacher of the seventh and eighth grades, and others, assisted in the arrangements for this meeting.

An offering of \$65.00 almost completed the sum of \$300 that is being raised towards the building.

SOCIAL AGENCY DINNER FRIDAY

Mrs. Elizabeth Glenn To
Deliver Address At
Meeting

"The South Faces Facts," is the topic of the address to be given by Mrs. Elizabeth L. Glenn, prominent attorney of Asheville, before the Council of Social Agencies on Friday evening.

Notices have been sent to all organizations and churches affiliated with the Council announcing the meeting in the American Legion hall.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock by the business women's group of the Presbyterian church, and all who expect to be present for dinner are asked to notify Miss Josephine Dixon, chairman of the program committee, Mrs. Eloise G. Franks or Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson.

All interested friends are cordially invited to attend the special program, which will begin at 8 o'clock, to hear Mrs. Glenn's address.

Music will be a part of the program, including negro spirituals sung by a group of students from Chapel school.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting.

PATTON BILLS BEING PASSED

Two Local Acts Approved;
Teachers Go After
Legislators

Two of Representative George B. Patton's local bills have been passed by both houses since last week. The first, passed on Wednesday, February 8, repeals the act of 1937 establishing a board of jury commissioners for Macon county. This means that juries will hereafter be drawn by the county commissioners, as was the custom before the 1937 act was passed.

The second bill increases the term of the register of deeds to four years, and was passed Wednesday of this week.

The bill to remove the 15-cent limit on meals for prisoners in jail, and leaving the matter to the discretion of the commissioners, was passed by the house Thursday, February 9, and has been sent to the senate for concurrence.

The local bill to prohibit the use of absentee ballots in primary and general elections in Macon county will probably be held in committee, together with similar bills from several other counties, until action is taken on statewide measures concerning the absentee ballot law. In case no statewide act is passed, the bills for Macon and some other counties will no doubt be enacted.

Teachers Ask Consideration

Teachers of the Franklin and Macon county schools and the county association of teachers have been sending letters and telegrams to members of the assembly in both houses urging support of Governor Hoey's educational plans which provide for a twelfth grade in high schools, salary increases and retirement pay for teachers. North Carolina is one of the six lagging states having no twelfth grade in the high schools, and all who are interested in education feel that the Assembly should correct this deficiency, even if it means curtailing appropriations elsewhere.

In view of the tremendous pressure being brought to bear by educational interests, it is thought that the appropriations committee may make an upward revision of school allotments, but if the committee fails in this respect, there is sure to be a hot fight made for the increases when the appropriation bill comes before the house.

The finance committee up to Wednesday had pared tax receipts estimates for the next two years to a point where the proposed budget would show a deficit of \$1,770,000, but much of this will no doubt be made up by the tapping of further sources of revenue before the committee reports the finished bill for action.

Pattons Spend Week-End With Home Folks

Representative and Mrs. George B. Patton came in from Raleigh Friday and spent the week-end with home folks in Macon county.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton are taking a prominent part in social and legislative affairs in the state capital, and this was their first trip home since the Assembly convened in early January.

Macon Ministers To Preach On Temperance

The ministers who are members of the Franklin Ministers' Association will bring messages on temperance on Sunday, February 19.

Feeling that one of our most pressing problems is that of general temperance in living, the Macon county ministers have selected temperance for the first of the subjects they shall from time to time present in unison from their pulpits. It is hoped that many of the people from this section will avail themselves of the privilege of attending one of the churches and hearing one of these messages.