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## SOIL PROGRAM MORE LIBERAL

### Greater Benefits May Be Secured By Farmers During 1940

By S. W. MENDENHALL, County Agent

Farmers of Macon county can be greatly benefited by the improvements included in the 1940 agricultural conservation program. Farmers on small farms now have an opportunity to derive a much greater benefit from the program than ever before. All farmers participating in the 1940 program by carrying out approved soil building practices can earn as much as \$20. The maximum payment for farms entitled to a larger payment than \$20 will be determined on the same basis as in 1939. Another added feature that can help all farmers is an additional payment of \$30 that may be earned by planting forest trees on land that is subject to erosion. These trees may be secured at no cost by making application for them at the county agent's office.

Time has been made available again through the soil conservation program and at the same price that it was in 1939. For each ton of lime that the farmer takes through the soil conservation program there will be \$2 deducted from the payment that is set up for his farm for 1940. This price includes the cost of lime and the freight. This means that every farmer in the county may secure as much as nine tons of lime. Farmers on farms that qualify for a larger payment, of course are eligible to secure more than nine tons of lime. Lime may be used on pastures, meadows or any other crop and each 1500 pounds will count one unit toward reaching the soil building goal.

### Superphosphate Also Available

Triple superphosphate has been made available through the program again this year. For each 100 pounds of this phosphate that the farmer secures through the program \$1.80 will be deducted from the 1940 maximum payment. This amount includes the cost of the phosphate and the freight. Each 100 pounds of this phosphate when applied to pastures, meadows and certain other grasses and legumes will count one unit toward reaching the soil-building goal.

Ninety per cent of the soil conservation payment for any farm may be taken up in lime, or phosphate, or some of each, providing more acreage of tobacco has not been grown than is allotted to the farm.

Farmers desiring to secure either lime or phosphate through the soil conservation program may make their application now at the county agent's office. It has been determined that where either lime or phosphate are to be used on pastures, meadows or other grasses or legumes, far greater results are obtained from these materials if the application is made early enough so that the freezing and thawing will help take them into the soil. If lime is to be used in connection with spring seedings better results will also be obtained if the application is made early in the year. Also this is a comparatively slack season of the year and farmers have more time to secure their lime and phosphate, get it to the farm and apply it to the land. Approximately 3,000 tons of lime and 40 tons of phosphate were secured through the program during 1939. After seeing the results already obtained from the use of these materials the amount used during 1940 should double the amount used in 1939.

## Funeral Held For Mrs. Dryman Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Lydia Katherine Dryman, 68, were held at the Asbury Methodist church on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. James Vinson, a Baptist minister, was in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Dryman died at her home near Otto Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock following an illness of nearly a week. Death was due to pneumonia and heart ailments. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Mary Blackburn Gregory, of the Ellijay section. In 1898 she was married to J. B. Dryman, of Otto. She had been a member of the Baptist church since early girlhood.

Mrs. Dryman is survived by her husband, two daughters, Miss Eric Dryman, of Otto, and Mrs. Ella Posey, of Walthalla, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. Sarah Wilson, of Jackson county, and three grandchildren.

## Five Hurt

### When Truck And Coupe Collide Saturday

Five persons were injured at 1 p. m. Saturday when a coupe and a truck collided on a curve one mile east of Franklin on the Franklin-Highlands highway.

The injured were: Miss Gertrude Holland, 24; Grover Watts, 19; Miss Rose Wallace, 18; Sam L. Holland, 14, all of Gneiss, and John Hauser, driver of the truck.

Miss Holland, Miss Wallace, and Sam L. Holland were taken to Angel hospital here for treatment.

Miss Holland is suffering from concussion, a fracture of the nose, and other injuries.

Watts, who is said to have been driving the coupe, suffered face lacerations.

Miss Wallace suffered injuries to her kneecaps and several of her teeth were loosened.

Sam L. Holland's head was injured, and Hauser was painfully injured.

The truck is the property of the Bryant Funeral Home.

The highway was slippery at the time due to sleet and snow which fell all day Saturday.

## DEATH CLAIMS H. DAVIS DEAN

### Former Official Passes Friday After Long Illness

Henderson Davis Dean, 78, former representative of Macon county in the General Assembly, died at his home in the Oak Grove community 14 miles north of Franklin on the Bryson City highway, last Friday morning at 6 o'clock after an illness that lasted eight years. He was critically ill for three weeks. Death was due to heart disease and complications.

Mr. Dean, a farmer, was well known in Macon county and elsewhere in Western North Carolina. He was born June 29, 1861, in Macon county, the son of the late George and Aletha Parrish Dean. In 1887 he was married to Miss Alice Morgan, of Macon county.

### Taught in Macon Schools

In his early years Mr. Dean taught in the Macon county schools. In 1896 he was elected register of deeds and served two terms. In 1901 and again in 1915 he represented the county in the lower house of the state legislature, being elected on the Republican ticket. From 1904 to 1908 he was sheriff and tax collector.

Mr. Dean also was active in church work. He was clerk of the Macon county Baptist association for seven years and was moderator of the association for 13 years. He served for many years as superintendent of the Sunday schools at Watauga and Oak Grove. His membership was in the Oak Grove Baptist church.

Mr. Dean is said to be the only man who ever held three important offices in Macon county.

The funeral services were held Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Oak Grove Baptist church. The pastor, the Rev. Robert Williams, officiated, assisted by the Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church; the Rev. W. L. Bradley and the Rev. D. C. McCoy, both Baptist ministers of the Oak Grove community. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers, all grandsons: Frank Dean, Bobby Carpenter, Jack Carpenter, Henderson Dean, Ed Carpenter, Jr., and Dean Carpenter.

Mr. Dean is survived by his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Joseph A. Bryson, of Columbia, Mo.; Mrs. J. C. Higdon, of Franklin Route 4, and Mrs. Ed Carpenter, of Franklin; three sons, Walter, Herman, and George, all of Franklin; three brothers, C. A. and W. L., of Texarkana, Tex., and J. H. of Franklin Route 4; three sisters, Mrs. Jane McHan, of Swain county; Mrs. Laura Wilds, of Morgan, Texas, and Mrs. J. R. Morgan, of Portland, Ore., and 20 grandchildren.

## J. M. Hodge Dies In California

Mrs. E. B. McCollum received a wire from Long Beach, Calif., Tuesday afternoon telling of the death of her brother, J. M. Hodge.

Mr. Hodge, whose home was formerly in Johnson City, Tenn., had been making his home in California for some time. He has often visited Mrs. McCollum, and only last summer spent several months here. Death was attributed to a sudden heart attack.

## World Interest Continues Centered On Heroic Finns

Finnish forces continue to hold steady in the face of overwhelming numbers of Russians, and have even driven the invaders back to their own soil in some places.

Russian bombers are making terrific attacks on Finnish towns and cities but few casualties have been reported, while many of the Red planes are being shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

In northern Finland the Russians have been driven in disorderly rout which has continued for three days and the Red army has already retreated for 50 miles.

The killing cold is working in favor of the Finns who are accustomed to it and can continue fighting while hundreds of the Russian soldiers are freezing to death. It is estimated that 4,000 Russians have been killed within the past three days.

England is preparing to furnish war supplies to the Finns and Italian planes and pilots are said to be arriving at Finnish flying fields.

Sweden is extending real aid to her struggling neighbor in cash, food, war material, medical supplies and hundreds of trained fighting men who have volunteered for service under the command of General Ernst Linder, 71-year-old veteran of both the Swedish and Finnish armies.

The Russians are said to be massing 300,000 men near the "waistline" of Finland in preparation for a drive to cut the country into two parts. One Finnish general stated that each of his battalions of 600 men was facing a Russian division of 18,000.

The Russian troops seem to lack efficient leadership and are easily demoralized, while the Finns fight as a unit and are led by able and trusted commanders. They may finally be overwhelmed by sheer force of numbers but Russia will pay a staggering price for the conquest.

## PRESIDENT SENDS MYRON TAYLOR TO VATICAN

President Roosevelt announced Saturday night the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as personal representative to the vatican and called for "all the churches in the world which believe in a common

God" to throw the "great weight of their influence" behind the cause of world peace.

The President said Taylor, retired steel magnate and head of the intergovernmental refugee committee, would go to Rome as his representative. Taylor, a Quaker, will have the full social, although not official, rank of an ambassador.

At the same time Mr. Roosevelt invited Dr. George A. Buttrick, president of the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America, as a Protestant leader, and Rabbi Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological seminary of America, to confer with him from time to time "in order that our parallel endeavors for peace and the alleviation of suffering may be assisted."

The President made it plain that he does not have in mind at this time any new specific move for bringing peace to Europe, but in taking these steps he indicated that he was looking primarily to the future and to what the world situation may be when Europe's bloody conflict ends.

The President's action has met with enthusiastic approval in this country and in many nations abroad.

## WESTERN FRONT CONTINUES QUIET

The past week has seen no action on the western front and little activity on the high seas or in the air. A Christmas truce seems to have prevailed throughout the war zone.

There are many rumors as to great offensive movements being planned by both sides but these are discounted by expert observers who do not expect heavy fighting before spring.

A force of trained and hardened Australian flyers and ground crews has reached England and will be sent to France. Also a large detachment of fierce Moslem troops from British India arrived safely at a French port and have gone into the lines. These men are accustomed to fighting Pathans in the bitter cold along India's northwestern frontier, and can stand the hardships of the French climate better than most other troops.

## As The World Turns

### A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

### BUSINESS CENSUS IN W. N. C.

A business and manufacturing census will be taken in 13 western counties comprising the 11th congressional district. A school is being conducted in the Langren hotel, Asheville, to train the 12 enumerators who will take the census. Frank I. Murray of Franklin will work in Macon and Swain.

### WINTER COLD OVER COUNTRY

Winter spread from the Rockies to the Atlantic yesterday as snow storms played havoc with traffic and low temperatures prevailed. The Northwest registered 10 below and New York and New England hovered around zero. 2,500 highway workers sought to clear away snow in Ohio. The northwest and southwest welcomed the drought breaking snows and rains, promising relief to the "dust bowl."

### PRESIDENT AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS CONFER

President Roosevelt yesterday consulted with Dr. George A. Buttrick, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, in a conference at the White House. This was part of a general plan that also includes the sending of Myron Taylor, retired head of the U. S. Steel corporation, as the president's personal messenger to the vatican to coordinate peace efforts of Pope Pius XII with those of the U. S.

### DAVIES APPOINTED HULL AIDE

President Roosevelt has named Joseph E. Davies, ambassador to Belgium, who recently returned to the U. S. to report, as special assistant to Secretary of State Hull to handle war emergency problems and international trade questions. Davies will retain the rank of ambassador until a new envoy to Belgium is appointed.

### LAMAR CAUDLE RECOMMENDED FOR U. S. ATTORNEY

Lamar Caudle of Wadesboro has been recommended by Senator Reynolds to fill the office of U. S. district attorney made vacant by the death of Marcus Erwin.

### 526 VICTIMS OF VIOLENT DEATH

The Christmas holiday week-end brought violent death to at least 526 persons in the U. S. Nine of these are reported from N. C. Traffic accidents claimed the greatest number; other causes being burns, train wrecks, gas poisoning, drowning, freezing, suicides. Only one plane death was reported—from California.

### RED LEADER INDICTED

Nicholas Dozenberg, next to Earl Browder as second most important Communist in the U. S., was indicted on two counts yesterday, on charges of obtaining passports through false statements. He was arrested a month ago by FBI men, who said he was an agent of the intelligence unit of the Red army of Russia.

### THOUSANDS DIE IN EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY

Whole villages have been destroyed in Anatolia, a province in northern Turkey, and more than 8,000 people killed by a catastrophic earthquake.

### RUSSIANS SENTENCED UNDER ALIEN ACT

Boris Nikolosky, president of Book niga, Inc., a German propaganda book store in New York, was fined \$1,000 and his corporation the same amount, for withholding information from the state department under the alien registration act. I. A. Ilyn, secretary and treasurer, and also connected with Amtorg, Russian trading corporation in the U. S. was fined \$500. Both are Russian citizens. They are willing to return to Russia to keep out of jail. The justice (Continued on Page Six)

## James Elliott

### Dies Monday At Home In South Franklin

James Elliott, 65, died at his home in South Franklin Monday after an illness of six months. A teamster, he was the son of George and Jane Elliott and had spent his entire life in Macon county where he was born.

He was a member of the Franklin Baptist church.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Laura Jane Morgan, a stepson, George Elliott, two brothers, Charles and Walter Elliott of Franklin, and two sisters, Mrs. Robert Crawford and Mrs. Hester Dowdle.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Holly Springs Baptist church with the Rev. C. F. Rogers officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were: Frank Tallent, Jack Mashburn, William Sutton, Andrew Gribble, Jule Tallent and Love Hauser.

## TWO BURNED TO DEATH DEC. 23

### Aged Brother And Sister Die When Flames Destroy Home

Walter M. Arnold, 79, and his sister, Miss Lerna Arnold, 89, were burned to death early Saturday morning by a fire that destroyed their home in the Sugarfork community, six miles southeast of Franklin.

The blaze was discovered about 5 a. m. by Gaither Teem, one of the nearest neighbors. He said the blaze was out when he reached the spot and only a few bones and charred remains of the victims were found.

Arnold was said to have occupied a first floor room and his sister a second floor room over his.

The house, built of logs, was destroyed.

Miss Arnold, partly blind for years, had been totally blind the last five years.

Miss Arnold and Mr. Arnold were the daughter and son of the late William and Mary Redman Arnold, descendants of colonial and revolutionary families. They were both members of the Sugarfork Baptist church of which their father was one of the founders.

Double funeral services were held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Sugarfork Baptist church. The pastor, the Rev. R. F. Mayberry, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A number of nephews and nieces survive.

## Christmas Enjoyed At County Prison Camp

The Christmas service at the state prison camp, near Franklin, was attended by a large number, with hearty singing of Christmas hymns and carols. The Rev. Frank Bloxham held the service and preached.

The appreciation of the prisoners was expressed by one of their number to all those who sent gifts and Christmas good things. Donations were made by churches and from the Christmas tree fund.

The cakes served for Christmas dinner were gifts from the home demonstration club of the Holly Springs community. Those contributing cakes were: Mrs. J. P. Deal, Miss Nellie Deal, Mrs. L. A. Berry, Mrs. Dewey Corbin, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Eli Huggins, Mrs. Charles Elliott, Mrs. James McCracken, Mrs. Wayne McCracken, Mrs. E. V. Ammons, Mrs. John B. Justice, Mrs. A. G. Cable, Mrs. Earl Smart, Mrs. W. D. Elliott, Miss Callie Deal, Mrs. Jack Cade, Mrs. Sam Crawford, Mrs. Don Moore.

R. D. Carson, superintendent, reported that the Christmas dinner, provided by the state, except the cakes, included roast turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, pickles, celery, biscuits, peaches, cake and coffee.

## Ernest Cabe Badly Injured In Accident

Ernest Cabe, 55, is in Angel hospital in a serious condition suffering from a fractured skull and a broken neck, received in a 20-foot fall from a barn loft. He landed on a two-by-four plank on the ground. The accident occurred about 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon at his home in the West's Mill community, when he was doing his evening chores.

## BULLET WOUND FATAL TO GIRL

### Edna Hodgins, 18, Dies In Hospital; Was Trying To Protect Child

Miss Edna Hodgins, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hodgins of the South Skeenah section, died in Angel hospital Tuesday night at 8 o'clock as the result of a .22 calibre bullet wound in the abdomen.

Tom Williams, of the Betty's Creek section, near the North Carolina-Georgia state line, who is alleged to have fired the shot during a disturbance at his home on Sunday night, was arrested at 4 o'clock Monday morning at his home by Sheriff A. B. Slagle, of Macon county, and lodged in the county jail here to await a preliminary hearing.

### In Dazed Condition

Sheriff Slagle said that Williams, when he was placed under arrest, appeared to be in a dazed condition.

Sheriff Slagle, who, with Deputy sheriff John Dills, investigated the shooting, said Williams was drunk Sunday night at his home when four neighbors—said to be Hub Beasley, Carl Williams, Sherman Beasley, and J. K. McLean—came into the house for a visit.

The sheriff said he learned that, while the four visitors were in the house, Williams grabbed a fire poker and, in attempting to run off the men, broke a table, damaged other furniture and allegedly threatened to kill his own three-year-old child.

Miss Hodgins, who had been engaged by the Williams family to do housework for the past two or three weeks, became frightened at what she said were Williams' threats. She grabbed up the child and ran about 50 yards from the house. Williams allegedly in pursuit. As she ran around a barn near the house, Williams is said to have gone around the other way and fired at her, the bullet striking her in the right side and penetrating the abdomen. The child, held in Miss Hodgins' arms, was unharmed.

### Taken To Hospital

Miss Hodgins was brought to Angel hospital soon after the shooting and everything possible was done to save her life, but she was beyond surgical aid.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Williams, wife of Tom Williams, came to Franklin and swore out warrants for the four men who were visiting in the Williams home, charging them with drinking and carrying concealed weapons. They were arrested Monday afternoon by sheriff's deputies but entered denials of the charges.

Miss Hodgins is survived by her parents; two brothers, Richard and Homer, and three sisters, Frances, Pearl, and Myrtle, all of the South Skeenah section.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Gillespie Chapel Methodist church on Cartoogechaye. The Rev. Claude Ledford, a Baptist minister of the Cartoogechaye section, was in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

## Fifth Sunday Singing At Courthouse Sunday

The Macon county fifth Sunday singing convention will meet at the courthouse, at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, December 31, it has been announced by James R. Raby, president.

All singers, choirs, quartets, duets and soloists, are invited to come and enjoy the day and take an active part in the singing. Also singers from adjoining counties and states have a special invitation to attend.

This convention, which was organized about 12 years ago, to promote an interest in good singing, has drawn large crowds and the modern Southern song writers books as well as the old hymns are always used.

## Winners Of Christmas Lighting Contest

In the home lighting contest sponsored by the Nantabala Power and Light company, T. W. Angel, Jr., and C. N. Dowdle tied for first prize and the second prize went to the Rev. J. A. Flanagan. The first prize was \$25 and this amount will be paid to both Mr. Angel and Mr. Dowdle. The second prize was \$15.

If the winners will call at the office of the company they will receive their prizes.