

1940 Census

Population of
Macon County
15,880

The Franklin Press

and
The Highlands Maconian

PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL INDEPENDENT

1940 Census

Population of
Franklin
1,250

VOL. LVI, NO. 9

FRANKLIN, N. C. THURSDAY, FEB. 27, 1941

\$1.50 PER YEAR

CCC CAMP ENTERTAINS

Luncheon And Tour Enjoyed By Large Group Of Citizens

A group of about 20 Franklin people enjoyed delightful hospitality at the CCC camp N. C. F-23, near Otto, last Friday. The guests were greeted by Lieutenant G. W. Alexander, camp commander, Lieutenant William A. Baumgartner, W. B. Jones, forest service project superintendent; J. F. Craft, educational director, and Mr. Johnson, district recreational director of the forest service, of Gainesville, Ga.

The hour before luncheon was spent in a tour of inspection of the camp, showing all the quarters in immaculate condition, with ample evidence of the good housekeeping and successful homemaking of staff and boys.

Tour Of Forest

After a luncheon served in the mess hall by the boys—as delicious as it was bountiful—the party was escorted by Mr. Jones on a tour of the Coweeta Experimental Forest and the projects carried on by the CCC boys under the supervision of the Nantahala Forest Service.

The construction and operation of stream gauges were explained by Mr. Jones whereby the rise and fall of streams in the forest are measured; also rain gauges—there are 65 in the forest around the camp—which measure the rain fall in that area. These are read after each rain to the accuracy of one one-hundredth of an inch. The trail ended on a spur of Pickens Nose mountain, over 5,000 feet high, at Mooney Gap on the "divide." A beautiful road that had been built by the CCC boys, with banks treated for stabilization with sticks and mulching to encourage growth of plants on bare slopes, was another project that excited the admiration of the guests.

(Continued Next Week)

Macon Men Sign Up For Regular Army

The United States Army Mobile Unit, with headquarters at the postoffice during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, have signed up the following Macon county men for service in the regular army:

Albert L. Graine, James H. Raity, Thomas Crunkleton, Albert Rogers, Leonard Johnson, Luther Picklesimer, all of Highlands; Jack Jacobs, Johnnie Mashburn, Ben L. Mashburn, Marvin Williams, Anderson T. Payne, Raymond H. Womack, from Franklin; Robert L. McGaha, West's Mill.

These young men will be sent to Charlotte first, and then transferred to other points.

As The World Turns

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

WAR WEEK

Britain intensifies her air bombardment of channel ports and German industry.

Churchill tells Japan the nation rejects her offer to mediate war with Germany.

Britain seeks to thwart Hitler's moves in the Balkans by sending Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Gen. Sir John Dills to make sure that Turkey will not modify its determination to defend the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus—keys to strategic developments in the Near East.

Both Hitler and Mussolini have made speeches. Hitler promises intensification of sea warfare, and warns U. S. that U-boats will sink ships on sight. Il Duce acknowledges defeat in north Africa but promises victory in the end.

New German claims to large scale successes on British merchant shipping were denied by the British to be as large as claimed. Nazi bombing of British cities intensified. The Dutch are rioting against Nazi troops in north Holland.

The Vichy government is strengthening defenses in Indo China with African troops, while Japan demands "Oceania" which is interpreted as meaning Dutch East Indies, Philippines, British and French Indo-China.

Britain answers by landing Australian troops in Singapore.

Court Of Honor For Smoky Mountains District Scouts

The Court of Honor for the Scouts of the Smoky Mountains district of the Daniel Boone Council will be held Monday night, March 3 at the Methodist church in Franklin at 7:30.

Ralph Andrews of Cullowhee, the newly appointed advancement chairman of the district will preside and the presentations will be made by members of the Franklin troop committee. A. W. Allen, Scout Executive of the Daniel Boone Council will assist in conducting the meeting.

After the court of honor the scoutmasters and assistants of the seven troops in the district are to meet and make plans for spring activities.

All people interested in Scouting are invited to attend the court of honor.

District Meeting In Bryson City
The district committee of the Smoky Mountains District of the Daniel Boone Council will meet at the Brookside Grill in Bryson City on Monday, March 5, at 7 o'clock.

Boy Scout Membership Drive

Approximately \$300 has been subscribed or pledged to date toward the adult membership drive and the building fund of the scout house. A number of substantial subscriptions are yet to come. Owing to the illness this week of Ben. McGlamery, one of the committee securing memberships, the campaign has not been completed and a number of citizens have not yet been solicited.

The full list of memberships obtained this week and next will be published in next week's paper.

Stockholders Of Farmers Federation Meet Here Saturday

The annual meeting of the Macon county stockholders of the Farmers Federation will be held at the Franklin Federation Warehouse on Saturday, March 1, at 10 a. m.

President James G. K. McClure will give a report on the year's business and S. W. Mendenhall, Macon county farm agent, has been invited to speak. Music will be furnished by the Farmers Federation String Band, and coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Hubby: You never tell me what you buy! Don't I have any voice in the buying?
Wife: Certainly, darling! You get the invoice.—Boys' Life.

Crisis Flares in the Orient



Americans in Japan, China and Indo-China have received renewed, urgent notice to leave the Far East as a sudden crisis flares in the Orient. A Japanese battle fleet was said to be concentrated off Haiphong, Indo-China, with other Jap warships off Bangkok, and new Japanese demands on the Dutch East Indies, Siam and Indo-China were reported. Dutch merchantmen in the Far East were ordered into harbor.

More Macon Volunteers

The local draft board announces the acceptance of the following young men as volunteers for service: February 15, John David Potts, Franklin; February 21, Ed Green, Gneiss, Star Route; February 24, George Bobby Waldroop, Prentiss, Star Route. Two of these are under 21 years old.

Additional volunteers at the local board of registration for selective service added yesterday are: Gernell Lee Woods, Franklin Route 2; and Thomas Louie Crunkleton, of Highlands.

Mrs. Gilmer Jones, clerk of the local board, reports that Leander Gibson did not pass requirements at Fort Bragg, and that his substitute would go with the next call.

Rev. J. L. Stokes Addresses P. T. A.

The Franklin Parent-Teachers Association held their regular meeting in the high school auditorium on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Fred Slagle, president, presiding. The devotions were conducted by Rev. J. L. Stokes II, who also gave an interesting talk on "Educating Our Youth for Democracy."

The Rev. and Mrs. Philip L. Green sang a duet. Guy Houk, superintendent of Macon county schools, who was to have delivered the principal address, had to be absent on a business trip to Raleigh.

Funeral Of A. W. Hedden

Funeral services for Arlie Willis Hedden, 22, were held Wednesday at the Walnut Creek Baptist church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hedden died Tuesday morning at 8:25 o'clock in the Angel Clinic following an illness of one month.

A son of Will Hedden and the late Mrs. Rosetta Leopold Hedden, Mr. Hedden was married in 1939 to Miss Elmira Berry, who survives.

Surviving also are one son, Harley William Hedden; his father, Will Hedden; one sister, Miss Irene Hedden, and eight brothers, Delmer, Elmer, Everett, Eddis, Ernest, Furman, Louise and Dewey Hedden.

Wild Boar Killed By Taylor Crockett After Fierce Fight

Taylor Crockett, of Cartoogechaye, one of Macon county's famous hunters, came to town last Monday night exhibiting the pelt and head of a huge boar, bagged by him in the upper Burningtown section. The head and pelt alone weighed 51 pounds.

He reported that the boar, a mountain rooster with a mark of Berkshire, gashed one of his dogs to death and seriously injured another before he could shoot him at close range. Two shots entered the animal's side and a fatal shot between the eyes stopped his savage onrush. The dog that was killed was a veteran with more than 50 wild hogs to his credit. The other injured dog was brought to town and his wounds sewed up by Dr. Edgar Angel.

Day Of Prayer Observed By Churches Friday Afternoon

The World Day of Prayer will be observed by the missionary societies of the Franklin churches in a union service to be held in St. Agnes Episcopal church, Friday afternoon, February 28, at 3:30 o'clock.

The program to be used was prepared by the World Day of Prayer committee of Shanghai, China, and will be used by groups around the world the same day. This year's theme for the services will be "Thy Kingdom Come."

The service will consist in the reading of the scriptures, prayer, singing of well known hymns and meditation, led by women from the four Franklin churches. A globe will represent the world wide mission of the Christian churches and candles the light of the Gospel which missionary societies seek to carry through their prayers, gifts and service.

Taking part in the program as leaders will be Mrs. Derald Ashe, Mrs. Carl Cabe, Mrs. Robert Gaines, Mrs. T. T. Hall, Mrs. George Slagle and Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson.

Four Girl Scouts under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Melicher, will take up the offering. These are Louise Pendergrass, Sallie Lou Moore, Emogene Landrum and Marian Carr. Mrs. Ben W. Woodruff will have charge of the music.

The offering will be devoted to the following joint missionary projects of the churches; Union Christian colleges, work among migrants, American Indians in Government schools and the publication of Christian literature. The girls will be dressed to symbolize these divisions of missionary work.

Loans Available For Small Farmers

S. R. Griffin, Jr., local representative of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of the Farm Credit Administration, announces, that Mrs. Mary B. Justice, at the Clerk of Court's office is receiving applications for loans.

Figures released by this government agency show that farmers in the United States obtained nearly 161,000 emergency crop and field loans in 1940, for a total of \$19,470,625, an increase of 29.1 per cent over 1939.

These loans are made for short periods to small farmers who cannot obtain loans from other sources for the production of crops and for the feeding of livestock. Eighty-nine per cent of the amount loaned in 1939 has been repaid, it is stated.

Rites Held For Accident Victims

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Allen Livingood, of Marble, killed Sunday night while working at the rock quarry of the Utah Construction company on the Nantahala dam project.

Funeral services for John Nichols, 27, of Andrews, killed in the same accident, were held Wednesday.

Rites for Livingood were held in the Marble Baptist church and burial was in the Marble cemetery. Mr. Nichols' rites were held at Andrews and interment was in the Andrews cemetery.

Mr. Livingood is survived by his widow and four children. Mr. Nichols is survived by his widow and two children.

Nantahala Dam Project Enters New Phase

Construction of the dam proper on the Nantahala river project at Aquone is beginning at this time. The work done to date has been in preparation of the site on both sides of the gorge for the building of a huge dam that will harness the waters of this little mountain stream for the generation of power.

The Utah Construction company has the contract for the Nantahala Power company. This will be another unit of the power generating facilities of the Aluminum Company of America in this section.

Baptist Ministers To Meet Monday

The Macon county Baptist ministers will hold their regular conference at the Franklin Baptist church on Monday morning, March 3, at 10:30 o'clock. All ministers are urged to attend this meeting, when the fifth Sunday program is to be planned.

Rev. J. G. Benfield, Chairman
Rev. Robert Williams, Clerk.

ASSEMBLY SPEEDS WORK

Liquor, Appropriations, School Bills Occupy Committees

On Wednesday the General Assembly of North Carolina visited Elizabeth City. Already full speed ahead is aiming at adjournment by March 8.

The liquor bill calling for a state-wide vote next November 4 on the question of prohibition was introduced in the House, together with a bill to restrict importation of liquor and wine into the state.

The joint legislative appropriations committee raised the appropriation recommended for public schools next biennium by \$1,611,464 to provide a 12th grade and a 9th pay increment and sick leave with pay up to five days for teachers.

The committee also raised the vocational educational appropriation to \$1,410,000, the amount asked for.

The joint money-spending committee is still at work on the appropriations bill.

Utilities Commission, TVA Funds

The proposed new utilities agency would replace the present commission, of which Stanley Winborne is chairman with a salary of \$6,600. Two more would receive salaries of \$6,000 each, who would be named by the governor. The intensive enforcement of utility laws would result in the collection of enough additional funds to pay the extra salaries, it is estimated.

Among many local bills, one was passed by the house providing for a more equitable distribution between state and county governments of payments made by the TVA in lieu of taxes lost on properties acquired by TVA.

May Community Center Dedicated Last Sunday

On Sunday a large number of people gathered at the dedication of the new community center at Otter Creek and to honor "Aunt Jane" May for whom the building was named.

The project was sponsored by the people of the community, ably assisted by Carl Moses, principal of the Otter Creek school, and his teaching staff.

The structure was erected by boys of the National Youth Administration and is 40 x 84 feet. The need for such a center was demonstrated a few nights ago when a musical program was attended by 400 people.

The Sunday ceremonies began with devotional exercises and brief history of the May family. Baxter Jones and J. Burk Grey, sons-in-law of Aunt Jane May, also paid tribute to the pioneers and recalled the names of early settlers in Nantahala township. Both speakers stressed the opportunities and obligations facing the younger people today.

Inez Owenby, for the elementary school, and Grace Yonce for the senior class of the high school, expressed the young people's appreciation for the efforts of the local committee in raising the funds required for sponsoring the NYA project.

William Crawford, formerly a teacher at Otter Creek, now principal of Salem school, congratulated the basket ball team on the great improvement made since having opportunity to practice indoors.

Mrs. J. A. Ordway, county supervisor of the NYA, under whose direction the building was constructed, expressed regret that George M. Suggs, district representative of the NYA had been called to Raleigh, and so had been obliged to forego the pleasure of attending the dedication. She spoke briefly of the great service performed by the National Youth Administration in its efforts to give employment to the boys and girls of America, and said "no more fitting name for the building could have been chosen; since Aunt Jane May's whole life had been given to the service of youth."

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Burk Grey and Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips of Murphy; Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Jones of Bryson City; Mr. Charles Crawford, and Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford of Higonville, Hayes Buchanan, Ben Lenoir and James Hauser and Mr. Crisp of Franklin.

Full information may be obtained at Franklin postoffice.

Power Pole Knocked Down

A truck hauling rock for the WPA street project proved itself mightier than a power line pole this week, when a collision at the intersection of the Dillsboro and Highlands highways knocked down the pole. The truck was considerably damaged, but no one was hurt.

Superintendents Of Construction Wanted

U. S. Civil Service Commission announce examinations for the position of superintendent of construction, various grades with salaries ranging from \$3,200 to \$5,600 a year. Qualified persons are urged to file application immediately, and applications will be received until December 31, 1941. Duties in-

FRANKLIN HDWE. GETS CONTRACT

Rebuilding And Repairs Of Agricultural Bldg. To Begin At Once

At a called meeting of the county commissioners held last Monday to receive bids for the repairing and rebuilding of the Agricultural building, the contract was awarded to the Franklin Hardware company, Alf L. Higdon, owner. The contract price will be \$3,894.66, which provides that the building be thoroughly repaired of all fire and water damage incurred in the recent blaze that destroyed part of the interior of the building, and that it be put back in as good shape as it was.

Mr. Higdon states that the work will begin at once and finished as soon as possible. Elmer Roten, local foreman, will have charge of the carpenter's work.

FRANKLIN HDWE. GETS CONTRACT

Rebuilding And Repairs Of Agricultural Bldg. To Begin At Once

At a called meeting of the county commissioners held last Monday to receive bids for the repairing and rebuilding of the Agricultural building, the contract was awarded to the Franklin Hardware company, Alf L. Higdon, owner. The contract price will be \$3,894.66, which provides that the building be thoroughly repaired of all fire and water damage incurred in the recent blaze that destroyed part of the interior of the building, and that it be put back in as good shape as it was.

Mr. Higdon states that the work will begin at once and finished as soon as possible. Elmer Roten, local foreman, will have charge of the carpenter's work.

The offering will be devoted to the following joint missionary projects of the churches; Union Christian colleges, work among migrants, American Indians in Government schools and the publication of Christian literature. The girls will be dressed to symbolize these divisions of missionary work.

Loans Available For Small Farmers

S. R. Griffin, Jr., local representative of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of the Farm Credit Administration, announces, that Mrs. Mary B. Justice, at the Clerk of Court's office is receiving applications for loans.

Figures released by this government agency show that farmers in the United States obtained nearly 161,000 emergency crop and field loans in 1940, for a total of \$19,470,625, an increase of 29.1 per cent over 1939.

These loans are made for short periods to small farmers who cannot obtain loans from other sources for the production of crops and for the feeding of livestock. Eighty-nine per cent of the amount loaned in 1939 has been repaid, it is stated.

Rites Held For Accident Victims

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Allen Livingood, of Marble, killed Sunday night while working at the rock quarry of the Utah Construction company on the Nantahala dam project.

Funeral services for John Nichols, 27, of Andrews, killed in the same accident, were held Wednesday.

Rites for Livingood were held in the Marble Baptist church and burial was in the Marble cemetery. Mr. Nichols' rites were held at Andrews and interment was in the Andrews cemetery.

Mr. Livingood is survived by his widow and four children. Mr. Nichols is survived by his widow and two children.

Nantahala Dam Project Enters New Phase

Construction of the dam proper on the Nantahala river project at Aquone is beginning at this time. The work done to date has been in preparation of the site on both sides of the gorge for the building of a huge dam that will harness the waters of this little mountain stream for the generation of power.

The Utah Construction company has the contract for the Nantahala Power company. This will be another unit of the power generating facilities of the Aluminum Company of America in this section.

Baptist Ministers To Meet Monday

The Macon county Baptist ministers will hold their regular conference at the Franklin Baptist church on Monday morning, March 3, at 10:30 o'clock. All ministers are urged to attend this meeting, when the fifth Sunday program is to be planned.

Rev. J. G. Benfield, Chairman
Rev. Robert Williams, Clerk.

Power Pole Knocked Down

A truck hauling rock for the WPA street project proved itself mightier than a power line pole this week, when a collision at the intersection of the Dillsboro and Highlands highways knocked down the pole. The truck was considerably damaged, but no one was hurt.

Superintendents Of Construction Wanted

U. S. Civil Service Commission announce examinations for the position of superintendent of construction, various grades with salaries ranging from \$3,200 to \$5,600 a year. Qualified persons are urged to file application immediately, and applications will be received until December 31, 1941. Duties in-