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Gov. Broughton Appoints State Highway Board

Prince Of Henderson Is Chairman; Ferebee Of Andrews 10th Dist.

Governor Broughton last Friday appointed Lawrence B. Prince, of Hendersonville, lawyer and member of the state board of elections, as chairman of the state highway and public works commission; and set Friday, May 2, as the date for the organization meeting in Raleigh.

At the same time the governor announced the appointment of the other ten highway commissioners. Baxter C. Jones of Bryson City was named to succeed Prince on the state board of elections.

Percy B. Ferebee of Andrews is appointed to this district to succeed E. L. McKee of Sylva. He is a native of Elizabeth City, and is engaged in banking, manufacturing and other enterprises in Andrews. He was formerly connected with the U. S. Forest service.

Prince succeeds acting Commissioner D. B. McCrary, reappointed 6th district commissioner. McCrary became acting chairman when the late chairman, Frank Dunlop took a leave of absence the first of the year.

Members Of Commission
Members of the highway commission follow:

First division—Carroll Wilson of Roanoke Rapids.

Second division—Edward G. Flanagan of Greenville.

Third division—Dr. Guy Vernon Gooding of Kenansville.

Fourth division—T. Boddie Ward of Wilson, incumbent.

Fifth division—George W. Kane of Roxboro.

Sixth division—D. B. McCrary of Asheboro, incumbent acting chairman.

Seventh division—Thomas R. Wolfe of Albemarle, incumbent.

Eighth division—Virgil D. Guire of Lenoir.

Ninth division—T. Max Watson of Forest City, incumbent.

Tenth division—Percy B. Ferebee of Andrews.

Macon Council

Hears Agricultural Expert On Defense

A good attendance of representatives of federal, state and county organizations was present at the meeting of the Macon county Council of Defense that met in the Methodist church basement rooms last Monday morning.

W. H. Pierce, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of State college, Raleigh, gave an instructive and inspiring talk concerning methods of promoting increase in home gardening and canning. He called the defense organization "a clearing house of ideas for the live-at-home program."

A permanent set up was completed with Gus Leach continuing as chairman, Mrs. Eloise G. Franks as vice-chairman and Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill as secretary.

Attend Rotary Meeting In Camden, S. C.

Charles Melichar, newly elected president of the Franklin Rotary Club, Guy Houk and Dr. Jim Perry left Sunday morning to attend the district Rotary convention in Camden, S. C. They returned Tuesday afternoon.

Taxpayer Hearings To Be April 28

Notice occurs elsewhere, given by Lester L. Arnold, tax supervisor, that April 28 is the day appointed by the Macon county Board of Equalization and Review for hearings from taxpayers in respect to the valuation of their property and the property of others.

Baptist Sunday School Convention Sunday

The Macon County Baptist Sunday School convention will meet on Sunday afternoon, April 17, at 2 o'clock at the Holly Springs Baptist church.

The program will open with a congregational song, followed by the devotional given by Mrs. Herbert A. McGlamery, after which reports will be made by the various Sunday schools.

Miss Mattie Pearl Bryson, of Cowee, will make a talk on "Sunday School Loyalty." The principal message of the afternoon will be made by the Rev. G. W. Davis, pastor of the Cowee Baptist church.

All Baptist Sunday schools in the county are urged to send a large delegation of members.

Cutters Needed

The Red Cross production committee is badly in need of garment cutters, and Mrs. James E. Perry, chairman, urges that women will volunteer for this work. Also she announces that many garments are cut, and need to be called for at once. The urgent need for Red Cross garments, which are being sent to war sufferers in Britain and Greece daily, is greater now than ever before, and the committee wishes to return the finished articles as promptly as possible.

Mrs. Perry also announces that a new shipment of wool has been received and is ready for distribution to knitters. The Red Cross rooms in St. Agnes rectory are open on Thursdays and Saturdays.

E. W. Hamm

Is New Member Of Staff Of Franklin Press

E. W. Hamm of Memphis, Tenn., arrived Tuesday to become a member of the staff of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian.

Mr. Hamm is a native of Lexington, Ky., and has been in the newspaper business practically all his life. He has filled important positions on both daily and weekly newspapers, having had wide experience as a news and editorial writer. The Press is fortunate to secure his services, and is assured that Mr. Hamm will be devoted to the best interests of the community as well as a distinct addition to the paper.

Funeral Rites For Doc T. Liner

Funeral services for Doc T. Liner, 56, were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Patton Chapel Methodist church, with the Rev. J. C. Swaim, pastor, in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Liner, who had been ill for 11 days, was taken to the Angel Clinic Thursday where he was found to be critically ill with blood poisoning caused from a splinter in his hand. He died on Monday at 12:30 o'clock.

A farmer of the Cartoogechaye community, Mr. Liner, was a native of Haywood county. He was a son of the late Thomas and Alberta Turpin Liner and was born on March 23, 1885. With his parents, he moved to Macon county when he was a boy. On March 9, 1912, he was married to Miss Nina Patton, of Cartoogechaye.

The pallbearers were J. M. Roane and Billy Roane, of Enka; Thomas Henson, Joel Dalton, Lawrence B. Liner and Sam Gibson, Jr.

Surviving are the widow, and two children, Mrs. Terrell Parrish, of Franklin Route 3, and James Liner of Franklin Route 1; two brothers, Robert L. Liner, of Franklin Route 3 and John Liner, of Schalis, Wash., and five sisters, Mrs. George Henson, of Franklin Route 2; Mrs. W. H. Roane, of Enka; Mrs. Garrison Nichols, of Waynesville; Mrs. D. C. Stockton of Franklin Route 2 and Mrs. John Young of Schalis, Wash.

NEW LAUNDRY OPENS MONDAY

Modern Equipment Added To Take Care Of Franklin Needs

Paul Carpenter, owner of the Economy Cleaners, has announced that the laundry, which he is adding to his business, will open next Monday. The combined business will be known as "The Franklin Laundry and Dry Cleaners."

Mr. Carpenter states that he has installed the best modern machinery, with capacity to accommodate the laundry needs of Franklin and vicinity. For four years he has operated a successful dry cleaning business in the Stewart building on the square behind the Franklin Press office. The adjoining store space has been leased to take care of the laundry department.

Mr. Webb, of Asheville, who has been with Minico's for a number of years, will have charge of the washing department. He is a laundry operator with 19 years experience. Mrs. Triplett, also expert on her work, will have charge of the shirt unit and will have experienced ironers to assist her.

Houk and Summer

Re-elected; Cowee School Site Confirmed

At the meeting of the board of education Saturday night, Guy L. Houk was re-elected superintendent of Macon county schools. He has served for the past two years in that capacity.

O. F. Summer, principal of the Highlands school, was also re-elected at this meeting. The meeting announced that the list of all Macon county teachers will be announced during the next few days. W. H. Finley, principal of the Franklin school, was re-elected last week.

Cowee School Site Confirmed

The site of the new consolidated school for Cowee township was confirmed by the new board. The restraining order issued several weeks ago sought by a group of citizens of the township who desired to place the building on another site, and on which a voluntary non-suit was taken by the plaintiffs, turned the decision over to the new board.

Modern School Building

All obstacles have been removed now to the building of the new school on the site of the CCC camp at West's Mill on Highway 28, and work is expected to begin soon. The site contains nearly seven acres of land, much of it already graded, with ample room for playgrounds and also some wooded land. The building is estimated to cost \$42,000, which will be built with WPA funds, the county sponsoring the project for approximately one-third of this amount.

The building is designed to be modern throughout, with central heating, sanitary plumbing, a large auditorium and eight class rooms for the accommodation of 320 pupils. The exterior will be built of native stone.

Arrests

Saturday Night Rioters' Hearing May 5

C. D. Baird, chief of police, made four arrests last Saturday night, April 19, when a recurrence of the trouble of the Saturday night previous, threatened. On the night of April 12, two of the mob of white boys that tried to run the negroes out of town were arrested on a drunkenness and disorderly conduct charge; Howard Moses, who was released on bond given by his father, W. M. Moses and Harlie Houston, for whom Oscar Dills gave bond. They are from the Pine Grove section. Warrants are out for several more. Hearing will be in the mayor's court Monday, May 5.

According to Chief Baird, who was looking out for the return of some of the boys to town last Saturday night, the trouble started two weeks before when Wilburn McDowell of Ellijay, who was intoxicated, was incited by companions to attack Graham Love, pursuing his duties as porter in front of the Bryson hotel. Love, who, it is said, was an innocent bystander, defended himself, and in the fight which resulted, McDowell was knocked down.

A group of about eight congregated across the street from the hotel last Saturday after dark and chased Love in the hotel. While arresting two of these, Chief Baird said, another gang of about 15 assembled in front of the courthouse and threatened a group of negroes near the drinking fountain across the street. These were dispersed and two more arrested.

Rioters Arrested

Those locked up were arrested on the charge of "unlawfully and wilfully participating in a riot and aiding and abetting in a riot."

They were Wilburn McDowell and Wesley Tyler of Ellijay, for whom a neighbor, C. Tom Bryson gave bond; Harold Henry and Orvel Simmons, who live near town, bond for the latter being made by Dr. Furman Angel and John Hauser. On Monday morning Tommy Bates, formerly of Skeenah, was arrested.

McDowell, 17 years old, who, it is said, started the trouble by attacking Graham Love, is from the CCC camp at Otto, having been given leave to go home to help with the crop. His father, Frank McDowell, is a tunnel foreman on the Nantahala project.

Wesley Tyler is the son of Tom Tyler, for many years superintendent of the Sugar Fork church. Neither boy, it is said, has been in the hands of the law before.

On Tuesday Hays Crisp, who lives up Walnut Creek, was arrested and bond was given by Lester Arnold.

TOWN CLEAN UP PROVES SUCCESS

Arthur Pannell Reports Hauling Tons Of Trash

Arthur Pannell, who directs the removal of the town's garbage, reports that Franklin has never before had such a thorough cleaning up as is being carried on at the present time. He says "Our clean-up campaign has been a grand success. When people ask me why I am late coming around, I explain that there has been so much trash to be moved that it is hard to handle it."

In speaking of the sewage disposal facilities, George Dean, town clerk, stated that all difficulties caused by flooding last year had been overcome, and that the town board had acquired several acres more adjoining land that would take care of disposal problems for the next 20 years. He stated that all state sanitary requirements were being strictly met.

Besides the cleaning up and removal of trash accumulations, there is evidence on all streets that planting and painting are beautifying residence streets. When the town force is able to cover the back alleys the town will present a pleasing appearance.

The Chamber of Commerce, the Garden Club and many business firms cooperating with the local authorities in response to the mayor's proclamation.

If any removal of trash has been overlooked, a phone call to the town office will bring "the truck."

Civil Court This Week

Civil court is in session this week with Judge Felix E. Alley presiding.

The case of Browning vs. Breen involving land titles occupied most of the time of the court, and went to the jury at noon Thursday.

Severe Forest Fire On The Nantahala Caused By Carelessness

By JOHN WASILIK, JR.
District Forest Ranger

Last Tuesday, April 15, a forest fire was reported by Cowee and Wayah Bald Lookouts in the Berry Cove. This fire burned over 50 acres and required many hours of hard work before it was controlled by 30 CCC enrollees from Camp F-23, Otto.

Poor judgment and insufficient help by a local farmer, who burned his brush piles on one of the driest days of the season was the cause of this fire.

Brush Burners

Not content with that blaze the brush burner was intent on burning his brush piles, so on Friday, April 18, he set some more piles a fire. Again the lookouts spied the fire and sent in a CCC crew from Camp F-23, but this time the brush burner had the fire under control so that no help was needed.

On Saturday, April 18, a third fire was started from the partly burned, unguarded brush piles of the day before and flames leaped up the ridge to the Corbin knob accompanied by huge billows of smoke that could be seen from Franklin and surrounding country. This fire burned over 200 acres and required hard fighting by 100 men to put it under control.

Ranger Wiese of the Sumter National Forest sent in a crew of 15 men. Project Superintendent Jones of Camp F-23, Otto sent in five CCC crews of 15 men each under foreman Stewart, Setser, Waldrop, Glance and Siler.

At least 30 farmers who own land adjacent to the fire spent many hours of hard fire fighting without compensation trying to save their fences and their timber. This fire caused severe damage to the standing timber. Several hundred cords of chestnut acidwood was burned up while that which remains is a charred mass.

The damage to the top soil was severe burning off the humus down to the mineral soil. It will take nature many years to build back the rich top soil. All game on the burned area was destroyed and the cost of fighting this fire will be enormous.

Since such fires are man-caused they can be avoided if brush burners will take the necessary precautions shown on the back of their permits when they burn brush. They should pick out favorable weather, usually after a rain, burn one pile at a time, burn down hill, clear around each pile, use small piles, have plenty of help and use good judgment above all.

Register Saturday

Register next Saturday! On Tuesday, May 6, 1941, the voters of Franklin will go to the polls to elect a mayor and six aldermen. It is the duty of every voter within the city of Franklin to register that he or she may vote in this election. Register Saturday.

On April 12, thirteen voters registered, on April 19, twenty-one voters registered. This is a very small ratio of those entitled to vote. Register Saturday.

This is a non-partisan election—members of both political parties being candidates—and no voter should fail to register. Register Saturday.

Coroner's Jury Delays Report On Death Of Riddle

Following the death of Clyde Riddle, foreman on the Nantahala project from a dynamite explosion Saturday afternoon, the Macon county coroner's inquest was continued until more witnesses could be questioned. The second meeting was held at the courthouse in Franklin Tuesday morning. The verdict of the jury will be made Saturday, it was stated.

Mr. Riddle, 24, of Marshall, Route 1, was killed instantly about 4 o'clock, near the dam, by a blast that had been set at the rock quarry. Eye witnesses stated that he either misunderstood the signal or that it did not work.

Mr. Riddle is survived by his widow, his mother, Mrs. Hattie Riddle; three brothers, Jonah, Noah and Clement, and two sisters, Mrs. Richmond Meadows and Miss Zetta Riddle, all of Marshall. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Caney Fork Baptist church in Madison county.

James Elmore, 59 Succumbs To Pneumonia

Final services for James Elmore, 59, were held on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Liberty Baptist church. The Rev. Robert Williams, pastor officiated, assisted by the Rev. G. W. Davis, pastor of the Cowee Baptist church and the Rev. Joseph Bishop, a Macon county Baptist minister. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Elmore died in Angel hospital on Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock following a three days illness due to influenza and pneumonia. He was a son of the late John Thomas Elmore and Mary Green Elmore. He was born on January 6, 1882 and resided in the Leatherman community until 1928 when he moved to Franklin where he has lived since.

Mr. Elmore worked for the Franklin Mineral Products until 1937 when he retired on account of ill health. He joined the Liberty Baptist church in boyhood but later transferred his membership to the Wells Grove Baptist church.

The pallbearers, all nephews, included Harry Potts, Floyd Cardon, Jr., Theodore Elmore, Jack Henson, Paul Potts and Dorsey Elmore.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Callie Lakey, of Etna, and three children, Mrs. Olin Graham, Clinton and Nelson Elmore, all of Franklin; two brothers, J. B. Elmore, of West's Mill and Homer Elmore, of Leatherman, and five sisters, Mrs. C. T. Truitt, of Etna; Mrs. Dolly Potts and Mrs. Robert Rickman, of West's Mill; Mrs. Floyd Cardon, of Sylva and Mrs. M. D. DeHart, of Lakeland, Fla. Also two grandchildren.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Angel Of Ellijay

Funeral services for Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Angel, 91, were held on Monday afternoon at the home in Ellijay township. The Rev. Philip Green, pastor on the Franklin Circuit, was in charge of the services. Interment was in the Angel cemetery.

Mrs. Angel died on Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock following an illness of three weeks. Death was caused from pneumonia. She was born and raised in the Ellijay community and had lived her entire life in Macon county. She was a daughter of the late Washington and Polly Haze Angel. She married Melvin Angel who preceded her in death about 20 years ago.

Surviving are three children, Brabson Angel, of Franklin, James J. Angel, of Baker Ore., and Mrs. M. C. Mashburn, of Ellijay, with whom she lived; one sister, Mrs. Ode Cabe, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The pallbearers were David Angel, Magk Norris, Robert Fulton, Leonard Horne, Ray Dowdle and Charles Angel.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Dr. Hunter To Speak; Diplomas Awarded Wednesday Night

Commencement exercises of the Franklin high school will begin Sunday, April 27, with services to be held in the Macon Theatre at 8 o'clock. The Baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. L. Stokes II.

The professional march from "Aida" by Verdi, will be played by Mrs. Henry W. Cabe, who will direct the music. The invocation will be said by the Rev. C. F. Rogers and the scripture lesson read and prayer offered by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan.

The choral club will sing "Emitte Spiritum Tuum" by Schuetky. The class song, "God Bless America" will be sung by the senior class. The seniors will march out of the theatre by the March from "Tannhauser" by Richard Wagner.

Dr. Hunter To Make Address
The commencement address to the graduating class will be delivered by Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers college, and diplomas will be conferred by Superintendent Guy L. Houk. W. H. Finley, principal, will announce the awards.

Katherine Long will deliver the salutatory and John Wasilik the valedictory. The presentation of the senior gift will be made by Lewis Patton.

1941 Graduates
Following is the list of prospective graduates:

Mamie Addington, Mary Addington, Frances Ashe, Mary Evelyn Angel, Gladys Baldwin, Conley Bradley, Allan Brooks, Jr., Kenneth Bryant, Geneva Buchanan, Arthur Cabe, Don Cabe, Frank Crisp, Marie Conley, Helen Jo Conley, Katherine Conley, H. D. Corbin, R. L. Crawford, Henderson Dean, Christine Dills, Porter Duncan, Mona Lee Edwards, Tva Lee Frady, Doris Fouts, Keith Gregory, Ruby Gregory, Felix Hall, Kathryn Ann Huggins, T. L. Jamison, Edith Kimsey, Louise Kinsland, Claude Leatherman, William Ledford, Virginia Lenoir, Kathryn Long, Bob McClure, J. K. McCracken, Ella Moore, Louise Murray, Andy Patton, Lewis Patton, Dorothy Penland, Virginia Penland, Helen Potts Higdon, Dorothy Reid, Mattie Faye Rogers, Blake Rowland, Faye Rogers, Blake Rowland, Pauline Rowland, Jennie Scott, Edna Shepherd, Richard Sloan, John Smith, Evelyn Sondheimer, George Tessier, John Wasilik, Pauline Wild, Earl Younce, Virginia Zachary, Edith Miller and Mary Evelyn Moore.

New Bonds

Not Apt To Up Tax Rate Says Mayor

George Dean, town clerk, in explaining details concerning the proposed bond election, said Monday, "The voting on May 6 will be in the nature of a referendum. If the people are in favor of completing the present street improvement and paving other streets the bond election will be called. So far, all whom I have heard have expressed themselves in favor of it."

Both Mayor Harrison and Mr. Dean expressed themselves as doubtful that the raising of the necessary amount over a period of 20 years would increase the tax rate at all. "The rate at present is only 95 cents," Mr. Dean said, "and in view of the fact that the town has recently retired \$32,000 worth of 6 per cent bonds and the rate on the proposed bonds being 4 per cent, the financing of the work through a WPA grant would be all to the town's advantage. Speaking of present finances he stated further that the town now has nearly enough in the sinking fund to pay off term bonds.

The project under a WPA grant asks only 25 per cent sponsorship from the town, which would be covered by the amount of \$10,000. Part of this amount the town already owns in its quarry, rock crusher, three trucks, concrete mixer, air compressor and drill, which WPA uses on a rental basis, and furnishes all labor and small tools.

A detailed statement of street improvement was given in the April 10 issue of this paper.

Methodist Society Rummage Sale Saturday

The Mary Allman Missionary society will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, April 26, on Main street in front of the tennis courts, next to T. C. Blaine's store.