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BRUTAL ATTACK ON TOM LEACH

Simons And Bates Held Pending Outcome Of Injuries

Tom Leach, 73, well known Macon citizen, was brutally attacked Saturday night, July 26 between 8:45 and 10 o'clock by two or more assailants and received critical injuries. Two local boys, Arvil Simons and Tommy Bates are being held in the local jail without bond pending the outcome of Mr. Leach's injuries.

According to officers in charge of the investigation Mr. Leach was seen talking to Simons in front of the postoffice building shortly before 9 p. m. One witness states that she saw Mr. Leach and Simons start around to the rear of the postoffice building. Evidence has been found to show that a struggle took place on the grounds just behind the postoffice.

Police officials think that the victim was attacked there and then taken to a vacant lot behind Ray's store on Palmer street, where he was again beaten either with a pair of knucks or an iron bar. He was left here presumably in an unconscious state. Mr. Leach's pipe and false teeth were found behind the store. Also there was a large pool of blood and other signs of a struggle.

About 10 p. m. Mr. Leach came to the front of Ray's store and summoned aid. He was so badly mutilated that Mr. Ray, who has known Mr. Leach for many years, did not recognize him. John Dills, deputy sheriff, was summoned and he took the wounded man to Angel hospital where he received treatment for his injuries.

Dr. Ed Angel stated that at the time of his entrance into the hospital the patient's condition was very critical. He had received a fractured skull, a lacerated scalp, numerous face wounds and his right eye had been gouged out, besides the loss of a great amount of blood.

Dr. Angel stated yesterday, however, that Mr. Leach's condition was greatly improved and that he thought the patient would recover.

Simons and Bates are still being held in jail without bond. Both were arrested Sunday morning as Simons had been seen in company with Mr. Leach just prior to the time of his attack and at the time of his arrest a great many blood stains were found on his clothing. Bates had been a constant companion of Simons throughout the day and was seen with him between 8 and 9 o'clock Saturday night.

Rotary Club Hears Kircher On National And Forest Program

Joseph C. Kircher, regional forester for the United States Forest Service, in an address to the Franklin Rotary Club on Wednesday, July 30 at their weekly luncheon meeting, discussed the part that the national forests throughout the South are playing in the national defense work.

The speaker pointed out the need of wood for airplane production, rosin for explosives, etc. He also stated that in the past year two billion feet of lumber has been purchased to be used in defense work.

Young People To Hear Stanley Jones At Lake Junaluska Next Sunday

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, world famous missionary, author of "Christ of the Indian Road" and many other publications, will speak at the vesper services at Lake Junaluska next Sunday afternoon.

A large group of young people from the Franklin Methodist church will attend.

Hamers Leave Friday For Jackson, Miss.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamer regret their removal from Franklin. They will leave Friday for Jackson, Miss. Mr. Hamer has been promoted to the U. S. Forest Service office in that city from the Nantahala National Forest headquarters here, where he has served for the past three years.

Farm Tour

And Livestock Show Will Be Held August 13

Many of our farm men and women have already indicated their desire to be present and take part in Macon county's farm and home tour and livestock show, Wednesday, August 13. Interest in this day has grown until it is one of the biggest days of the social and educational activities during the year. Last year approximately 500 men and women took a day off and help make this event a wonderful success. It is hoped that there will be even more to spend the day with us this year. There should always be a great deal of good come out of any event that will bring people together to enjoy association, renew friendships and to receive educational values. The motorcade will leave the Agricultural Building at 9 o'clock old time or 10 o'clock day light saving time. The tour will continue until lunch time. Transportation will be furnished for every one who desires to go.

Lunch At Arrowood

Lunch will be prepared by the Missionary Societies of the Methodist and Baptist churches of the Cartoogechaye community and will be served at the Arrowood Glade on the road to Wayah Bald.

Immediately after lunch the Motorcade will move to A. B. Slagle's Dairy barn where the livestock show will be held. Everyone going on the tour will certainly want to stay for the show since indications are that it will be the best that has been held. Anyone living in Macon county who has an animal or animals that will fit any or all of the classes of the show should enter them and help make the show the best that has ever been held.

BEN WOODRUFF HEADS C. OF C.

Succeeds James Averell Who Goes To Atlanta August 10th

Ben W. Woodruff, vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, has succeeded James Averell as president, and L. H. Page has been elected vice-president.

James Averell, assistant supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest for the past four years, will leave for his new position in Atlanta, Ga., as assistant regional forester.

Mr. Averell has also resigned as director of the Lions Club and secretary-treasurer of the Appalachian section of the Society of American Foresters.

Navy Recruiting Station To Open Here August 4

The regular monthly Navy recruiting station will be established at the postoffice, Franklin, from August 4 to 6, inclusive. An unlimited number of applications will be received for enlistment in the Regular Navy, enrollment in the Naval Reserve, and also enlistment of negroes in the Regular Navy as mess attendants.

The age limit for enlistment in the Regular Navy is 17 to 30, inclusive. Those not selected for instruction in a trade school are ordered to sea duty shortly after completing recruit training.

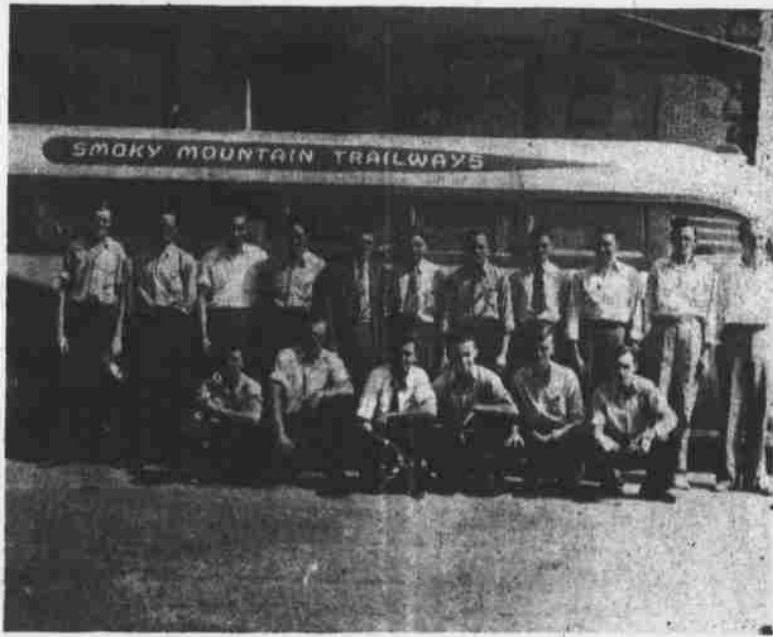
The requirements for enrollment in the Naval Reserve have been considerably lowered, the age limits being 17 to 50, inclusive. Naval Reservists will be released from active duty as soon after the present National emergency as their services can be spared.

Those who enroll in the Naval Reserve may select the particular branch of service they desire, such as aviation, radio, clerical, machinist, electrical, carpentry, store-keeping, etc., and enter active service immediately. In addition, those possessing a trade or profession, may be enrolled in the Naval Reserve at a rating commensurate with their ability and at a monthly rate of pay of from \$60 to \$99 per month.

Received B. S. Degree From W. C. T. C.

Mrs. Pearl Corbin, of Otto; Miss Alice Bennett, of Iotla, and Edwin Young of Franklin Route 2, received the B. S. degree from Western Carolina Teachers college at Cullowhee on Wednesday of the past week.

Macon's Largest Group of Selectees



The above young men left Franklin on July 22 for induction into the U. S. Army at Fort McPherson, Ga. This photo was taken just before they left. Front row, left to right: C. T. Shepherd, T. W. Brown, G. A. Shuler, W. L. Elmore, G. H. Gibson, B. C. Houston. Back row, left to right: C. W. Conley, V. R. Crawford, L. H. McKinney, J. J. Gibbs, J. C. Jacobs, W. S. Johnson, J. O. McDowell, R. L. Byrd, E. B. Parker, B. E. Brown, and V. A. Cunningham. —Photo by Crisp

Macon Selectees Receive Assignments

Of the 17 Macon county selectees who left Franklin on Tuesday, July 22, for the induction camp at Fort McPherson, Ga., announcement has come from the War Department, adjutant's office, of the following placements:

Sent to Eglin Field, Fla., are Burco E. Brown, 51st Air Base Squadron; Thomas W. Brown, 67th Material Squadron; Robert L. Byrd, 67th Material Squadron; Vernon A. Cunningham, 67th Material Squadron; Wm. E. Elmore, 67th Medical Squadron; Edwin B. Parker, 51st Air Base Squadron.

Joseph J. Gibbs has been assigned to the 88th School Squadron and George H. Gibson to the Mechanical and Res. Airplane Detachment, both at Barksdale Field, La.

William S. Johnson has enlisted in the Air Corps and will probably be assigned to one of the southern fields.

V. R. Crawford returned last Friday on account of failure to pass the physical examination. Placements of others of this group will be published as soon as received.

Press Wants News Of Men In Service

The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian requests friends and relatives of young men who are taking part in Uncle Sam's military program to phone or write the Press office any information they have concerning their activities.

We are offering the special subscription rate of 90 cents per year to men in service.

Franklin Wins From Hayesville; To Play Spruce Pine Sunday

Franklin won their fifth and sixth straight games here Sunday, defeating Hayesville in the Tri-State League as "Big Dan" Reynolds "fogged" em' across the pan to keep live hits well scattered in the opener and win by 7 to 3.

"Doug" Holsback set them down with two bingles to take the night-cap 9 to 3. English started the second game but got into trouble in the first inning by walking the first four men, forcing a run across. With the bases loaded, Holsback was called in and struck out the next three batters.

From there on out, he had them hog-tied and muffled as he struck out 16 of the 21 men that faced him. Audrey, new catcher for Franklin started at bat, getting four hits out of six trips to the plate.

The Spruce Pine team comes to Franklin Sunday for a twin bill on the local field starting at 2:30 p. m.

Press Staff Loses W. S. Johnson To Army

William S. Johnson, publisher and manager of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian, was inducted into the Army last week, from Fort McPherson, Ga., having enlisted in the Air Corps.

Carl P. Cabe, operator, will be manager of the shop in his absence and Bob Sloan and Mr. Cabe will have charge of the advertising. Liston Sams, formerly of Asheville, is compositor, and Nate Pennington is in charge of presses and bindery work.

Lions Roar

And Hear District Gov. Craig At Arrowood

Monday night, July 28, the Franklin Lions Club and their ladies met for their regular meeting of the club at Arrowood Glade. After a hot day, the cool evening air and fine facilities provided by the Forest Service at Arrowood were enjoyed by all.

Lion Cagle was master of the dinner table and supplied a rich assortment of sliced cold meat, salad, olives, watermelon, lemonade and everything that a picnic should include.

District Governor Present

J. Milton Craig, newly elected, Lions District Governor for Western North Carolina, was present with Mrs. Craig and their two children from Mt. Holly. Mr. Craig is superintendent of the River Bend plant of the Duke Power company. The Craigs have just returned from the Lion's International convention at New Orleans, La. They praised the cool air of Macon county and the beautiful country surrounding Franklin.

Lion Craig said that 11,000 Lions attended the New Orleans convention, making it second in size only to the American Legion convention. Two hundred delegates attended from North Carolina. Since the Lions organization was founded in 1917, the various clubs have engaged in 58,000 activities.

Largest Service Club

There are 147,000 Lion members, making it the largest service club in the world. He urged the Franklin Lions to attend the next year's convention, which is to be held in Toronto, Canada.

The evening ended with group singing led by Lions Sutton, Omohundro, McGlamery and Mrs. Crawford.

Child Suffers

Unusual Accident

Hattie Sue Ledford, 4-year-old daughter of Howard Ledford, sustained an unusual injury at Franklin Saturday afternoon.

The child was standing behind a truck with her hands on the bumpers, the truck started and, probably from fright, she held on to the bumper and was dragged by the truck for a quarter of a mile. A filling station operator saw the truck go by with the child hanging on to the bumper. When the truck was finally stopped it was with some difficulty that the filling station operator was able to pry the child's hands loose from the bumper.

Her condition is serious.

Well Known Writer Here For Vacation

Occupying "Tip Top" cabin at Franklin Lodge are Col. and Mrs. Clyde S. Ford, of Sarasota, Fla. They are enthusiastic over the beautiful drives in every direction, one of their chief pleasures while vacationing here being their excursions of discovery of new paths with fresh vistas and surpassing views.

Mrs. Ford, who is a well known writer for the Saturday Evening Post and other magazines under her maiden name, Lucy Stone Terrell, says that she has enjoyed browsing in the library here and expressed interest in the gifts of books from Mrs. Angie W. Cox, which has supplied material that is unusual in variety and quality for small town library. Mrs. Ford says she is especially enjoying the study of the birds around their cottage at the ledge and on their frequent drives through the forest.

Tuberculosis Clinic In Franklin August 12 and 13

The North Carolina State Board of Health has arranged to conduct its annual tuberculosis clinic August 12 and 13 in Macon county. Dr. William N. Peck, state clinician will hold the clinic from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Tuesday, August 12 and from 8:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Wednesday, August 13 in Franklin, in the office of the county health department in the Asher building. The purpose of this clinic is to discover and diagnose early cases of tuberculosis so that treatment can be begun at once.

All persons living in the house with a case of tuberculosis and all persons who have any signs or symptoms of tuberculosis should make appointment at Health Department office or with county nurse.

MACON BUDGET FOR 1941 AND 1942

Slightly Larger Than Last Year; Tax Rate Same

The budget for Macon county for the coming fiscal year as approved by the county commissioners has been sent to Raleigh for approval by the local government commission.

The new budget provides for a total expenditure of \$83,459, which is \$1,192 more than last year's total budget. This amount is divided into appropriations for the general fund, the special fund and debt service fund.

Estimated revenues under these heads are reported as follows:

General Fund: Ad valorem taxes, \$8,000; sundry revenue, \$3,000; surplus allocated to budget, \$1,100; total, \$12,100.

Special Fund: Taxes—ad valorem—pauper, \$3,500; courts and jail, \$2,600; health, \$2,600; social security, \$9,500; forest funds, \$750; contributions to social security fund by State-Equalization Fund, \$5,209; total, \$24,159.

Debt Service Fund: Taxes—ad valorem—general county, \$41,600; Franklin Township, \$7,374; intangible tax, \$700; total, \$49,680.

The same tax levy will be made as last year, \$1.30 divided as follows:

General county, .15; health, .05; courts and jail, .05; social security, .18; poor or pauper, .05; schools, current expense, .03; debt service, .07; debt service, general county, .72; total county-wide levy, \$1.30. Debt service, Franklin township, .34.

The general fund, one of the three chief divisions provides for the upkeep of the courthouse; salaries of county attorney, farm and home demonstration agents, and clerical salaries and supplies.

Money from the special fund covers many items under the heads above. The debt service fund is used for the retirement of the \$896,000 issue of county bonds in 1937 which mature June 1, 1967.

Commissioner Of Indian Affairs Lauds Cherokee Tribe Administration

"The Cherokee Indians have a model of good government," said Mr. John Collier, commissioner of Indian affairs for the United States government. "Their government is based on a cooperative corporation which was one of the first of its type to be found in the United States."

The corporation buys land which is assigned to the members of the tribe according to their needs. If the owner does not use the land properly the land reverts to the tribe.

The Cherokee Indians have their own tribal courts, councils and legislature which regulate their own affairs. Their basic governmental principle is to distribute the tribe's resources according to the individual member's needs.

When questioned as to the growth of this country's Indian population the commissioner stated that the Indian population was increasing faster proportionally than any other race in the United States. This, however, is not true of the Cherokees, who have shown very little growth in the past 30 years.

"The Indian Reorganization Act passed in 1934 which has as its aim the promotion of local political and industrial democracy for the many different tribes has done more for the Indians than any other governmental act, the commissioner stated. Under this act the Indians are allowed to regulate their own domestic, political, and social problems while the federal government lends a hand with hospitals, schools, roads, and sometimes assists in buying land.

Mr. Collier, who has been Commissioner of Indian Affairs, since 1932 is vacationing in Franklin at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course. He has been in this area several times before, but this is his first vacation here.

Revival Services At Mt. Hope Church

The Rev. George W. Davis, pastor of the Mt. Hope Baptist church on Cartoogechaye, has announced that a series of revival services will begin at this church on Monday night, August 4, at 8 p. m.

The Rev. R. F. Mayberry, of Rhodhiss, a former pastor, will be in charge of the preaching. The public is invited to attend.

State 4-H Champion



Emma Lu Hurst, Macon county 4-H winner with perfect score in Health Contest, also won the State Championship at Raleigh this week.

EMMA LU HURST IS 4-H CHAMPION

Macon Girl Wins State Health Contest And Trip To Chicago

Miss Emma Lu Hurst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hurst, Route 1, was chosen the healthiest 4-H girl in North Carolina Wednesday when she won the state-wide 4-H health contest being held in Raleigh the first part of this week. She will be given a trip to Chicago to represent North Carolina in the National 4-H Health contest to be held there.

Miss Hurst is 15 years old, 65 inches tall, and weighs 124 pounds. In the district contest held in Asheville June 9 she received a perfect health score of 100. As the news was received here late last night we were unable to obtain the exact score Miss Hurst made in the state contest.

Scrap Aluminum Pouring In

The Macon county "Defeat Hitler With Aluminum" Committee with Fred Cabe, chairman, announced that the first week of the campaign to collect scrap aluminum to be used for armament production had been successful and that large amounts of material has been placed in the "Victory" boxes on the square.

Mr. Cabe stated, "While we are very pleased with the cooperation shown the past week we hope that everybody will redouble their efforts and that every article of scrap aluminum in the county would be collected by next Saturday."

West Reunion To Be Held August 10

A family reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. West on Green street on Sunday, August 10. All the descendants of the late Newton West are invited to attend and bring picnic lunch.

The W. M. U. will meet at the Baptist church next Thursday at 3 o'clock with Mrs. R. M. Rimmer in charge.