

COUNTY'S RED CROSS QUOTA \$900

WPA In Macon County Reports Six Years Work And \$1,440,222 Spent

Activities Cover Wide Range And Bring Many Benefits

Where and how \$1,440,221 has been expended in Macon county over a six-year period to July 1, 1941 is the story told by the recent report coming out of the Raleigh office of WPA. The first of a series of inventories of WPA activities in the state's 100 counties, this is the sum that has covered the extensive and varied projects, in terms of labor and materials, provided by WPA and sponsoring agencies. P. L. Threlkeld is engineer in charge of WPA activities in Macon county.

Supplying one of the county's first needs are the 159 miles of improved highways and farm-to-market roads; including three large bridges, seven small bridges—30 to 60 feet spans—with 460 feet of culverts and 23 miles of widening and repaving. This last was done in U. S. Highways Nos. 23, 28 and 64, with more than three miles of road drainage pipe.

Franklin's Benefits
For the town of Franklin there have been built seven miles of street improvement, two miles of sidewalks, eight miles of concrete curb and gutters, seven miles of water mains and distributing lines; also standpipe and sewage disposal plant. Sewerage facilities have been increased by one and a half miles.

The Agricultural building has been constructed and a grandstand and playgrounds for the Franklin school. (Funds allocated for a Community building and library by the state WPA have not yet been claimed by sponsoring agencies.)

At Highlands a beautiful building of native stone to house the biological collection of the Highlands museum and an amphitheatre have been constructed with the help and cooperation of summer visitors. There have been five miles of sewer and water lines and an intake reservoir added to the facilities of this resort town to accommodate the building of many additional summer homes.

One of the most important highway jobs in the county has been the improvement of North Carolina Route No. 28 between Franklin and Bryson City which not only gives the farmers in the area a new access road, but provides another travel artery to Western North Carolina's No. 1 attraction, the Great Smoky Mountains National park. This has entailed constructing a masonry bridge across the Little Tennessee river.

Burningtown Road
The 12-mile loop of the Burningtown road has made possible the passage of school buses in all kinds of weather, and the prompt delivery of mail where previously the roads were impassable and the people isolated for weeks at a time each winter.

Two Stone School Buildings
The \$40,000 stone school house at
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SAFETY LAW FOR HIGHWAYS

Advertising Signs Must Be 50 Feet From Center

In an effort to reduce the number of wrecks occurring on our highways today the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission has issued an ordinance which calls for the removal of signs to a distance of 50 feet from the center of the paved section of the highway.

In an attempt to remove this hazard as far as possible the following ordinance was passed:

Now, Therefore, It Is Ordered from and after the effective date of this ordinance (November 1, 1941) no advertising signs shall be erected or maintained along any of the State highways of the State closer than 50 feet to the center of the paved section of the said highway; provided, this restriction shall not apply to signs beyond the limits of the State highway right-of-way erected at the place of business advertising such business, or one sign erected on any premise advertising such premise for sale or advertising for sale the products produced thereon; and provided further, that where signs have been lawfully erected on any leased property, the owner of such signs shall have twelve months from the effective date of this ordinance to relocate or readjust the said sign in accordance with this

Funeral Services

Held For Mrs. Samuel P. Penland Nov. 5

Mrs. Samuel P. Penland, 70, died Tuesday morning at 7:15 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. N. Evans, near Franklin.

Mrs. Penland was a member of the Union Methodist church where the funeral services were held this morning at 10 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. J. C. Swain, officiated, assisted by the Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, and the Rev. Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church. Burial was in the family plot at Scaly.

Surviving are six children, Mrs. J. C. Barrington, of Franklin; Mrs. L. P. Compton, Atlanta; Mrs. E. N. Evans and Mrs. Tim Wood, of Franklin, route 2; Mrs. T. C. Justus, of Clayton, Ga., and H. R. Penland, of Franklin, route 2; 15 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and three brothers, I. E. Duncan, of Bradenton, Fla.; John B., of Greenville, S. C., and M. G., of Rosman.

Pall bearers were Ras Penland, Ned Teague, Herbert Angel, Henry Cabe, Ransom Ledford, and A. R. Higdon.

Daniels Resigns Post As Ambassador To Mexico

The resignation of Josephus Daniels as ambassador to Mexico was announced last Friday by President Roosevelt. He resigned the position of "good will ambassador" which he had held for eight and a half years, on account of the ill health of Mrs. Daniels. The President paid him the tribute of having done more to foster the good neighbor policy in Latin America since the new deal adopted it in 1933 than any other American.

Secretary of State Hull echoed these sentiments, stating that the ambassador's wise counsel, great wisdom and efficient service would be greatly missed.

Mr. Daniels went by plane to Mexico on Sunday night to spend a week and to say good bye to President Camacho and other officials.

With his retirement this distinguished North Carolinian will end a service of fifty years as newspaper editor, World War Secretary of the Navy under President Wilson, and now as Ambassador to Mexico under his former sec-

retary of the Navy, President Roosevelt. Although 79 years old he is still a vigorous man. He expressed his purpose of finishing his book on the Woodrow Wilson Era when he returns to Raleigh; and then writing another on "The New Deal and the Good Neighbor."

Never before has a United States envoy remained so long in Mexico, where he became one of the most popular men in the country.

He traveled far and wide, by ship, airplane, train and automobile. He was on friendly terms with three presidents and thousands of other Mexicans. Mrs. Daniels, as hostess and wife of a diplomat made the embassy a place filled with true Southern hospitality. To visiting Americans the Daniels held open-house.

Foreign Minister Padillo said on receiving the news of Mr. Daniels' resignation, that the ambassador "always represented in Mexico with democratic dignity the highest virtues of the people of the United States."



MESSAGE FROM ROLL CHAIRMAN REV. PHILIP GREEN

Dear Citizens of Macon County:

Once again there comes to us the opportunity to help the suffering of our county and our world. There is no one so thoughtless as to forget that today, as never before, the crying needs of a sick world are larger than ever. Floods still ravage, fires still destroy, winds still wreck havoc, wars still kill and maim, famines still make empty stomachs and adversities of all these kinds, as well as many others, fill our world with unfortunate people. They need our help!

The appeal which I made last year was met with a generous response from all sections of Macon County. Let me express again my hearty thanks for this. Our quota was met easily and more than \$100.00 was overpaid.

As we begin a new year's Roll Call let us remember this splendid record of the past. Let us be stimulated to a greater activity and a more widespread response. It will be easy to secure the increased quota for this year if we will remember how little of calamity and distress has been visited upon our fair county during the last twelve months. In religious parlance "God has been good to us."

Therefore, when the Red Cross workers approach you for your membership of either \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$25.00, greet them with a smile. Encourage them in their work by gladly doing your part. They are not paid for this work and they do it gladly as unto Him who said, "I was sick and ye ministered unto me."

Respectfully yours,
Rev. Philip L. Green,
Roll Call Chairman

Baptist Youth

Have Two Day Meeting In Franklin

The annual meeting and convale of Royal Ambassadors, will be held in Franklin on November 7-8. Meetings will be held at the Franklin Baptist church. This group is composed of Junior and Intermediate boys of the Baptist churches of Western North Carolina.

Visiting delegates will be entertained over night in the homes of Franklin members.

The meeting will last from 4 p. m. Friday until Saturday noon, and will be highlighted by an address by Dr. J. L. Stokes.

Franklin Eleven Out To Win From Hayesville

Showing fine spirit the Franklin High football team has been hard at work for the past week with a determination to ring up their first win of the season when they play Hayesville there this Friday, November 7. Several members of the team have stated, "We are going to win this one."

Coach Newton stated that any transportation which local supporters could furnish for the Hayesville trip and the trip next Tuesday to Hendersonville would be greatly appreciated. About four or five cars are needed.

The Bahamas, like Bermuda and the Barbados but unlike other British colonies, have what is called "representative government," which means that it has its own parliament or house of assembly.

Rev. Philip Green To Serve As County Roll Call Chairman

UPSHAW SPEAKS HERE SUNDAY

Former Georgia Rep. To Make Three Talks November 9

The Honorable William D. Upshaw, former Georgia Congressman and candidate for president of the United States running on a "dry" platform in 1932, will deliver several addresses in various Baptist churches throughout the county on Sunday, November 9. Sunday morning, Mr. Upshaw will deliver an address at the Iota Baptist church; his subject will be "Old Time Religion, the Hope of the World." Following this he will make a temperance talk at Newman's Chapel the same afternoon. At 7:30 Sunday evening in the Franklin Baptist church, the former Georgia congressman will speak on "Carolina's Part in America's Greatest Battle."

The speaker is known as a very able orator. He has often been called "Successor to Bryan", "The Able Lincoln of the South," and "The Billy Sunday of Congress."

The public is cordially invited to attend each of the addresses Mr. Upshaw will deliver.

Jurors Drawn

For December Term Of Macon Court

At the regular meeting of the Macon county commissioners the following men were selected for jury duty to serve for the December term of court. Those drawn to serve during the first week of court and from whom the grand jury will be drawn are as follows:

Carl Henson, Otto; Doyle Speed, Highlands; E. G. Cruse, Prentiss; J. C. Dalrymple, Rt. 1; C. H. Zoellner, Highlands; R. G. Ray, Franklin; J. H. Dryman, Scaly; P. O. Watkins, Cullasaja; H. G. Duvall, Route 3; Glen Roper, Route 3; J. H. Morgan, Highlands; George Dills, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; John Cope, Flats; B. A. Baldwin, Kyle; H. H. Cole, Stiles; W. G. Hall, Franklin; W. R. Potts, Highlands; Ralph Tallent, Route 3; David Guffee, Prentiss; Lee A. Corn, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Arthur Watkins, Cullasaja; W. C. Carpenter, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Loren Moses, Cullasaja; Howard Shook, Franklin; Walter Johnson, Route 1; John Hall, Etna; M. Houston, Gneiss; J. E. Cabe, Otto.

Jurors for the second week will be published next week.

Roll Call Dates Set For November 13th-19th

With the highest quota ever given Macon county to work for, Red Cross roll call workers will begin their annual drive on Thursday, November 13 according to Rev. Philip Green, roll call chairman. The quota for this county has been set at \$900 by state Red Cross officials.

On Wednesday night, November 12 a get-together dinner will be held at the American Legion hall at 7 p. m. for all roll call workers. Dr. J. L. Stokes will deliver an address and Harley Cabe, county Red Cross chairman, will give instructions to the workers.

Macon county has never failed to raise the quota given us and already one organization, the Franklin Lions Club has pledged support to this worthy cause.

Roll Call chairman Green has announced the following committees and workers:

Franklin—Mrs. H. E. Church, chairman; Mrs. John Archer, Harrison avenue; Mrs. J. A. Sutton, Bidwell street; Mrs. Lester Henderson, Hillcrest drive; Mrs. Alex Stewart, Franklin school faculty; Mrs. Ray Swanson, Dillsboro road and depot; Mrs. George Brown, Bonny Crest; Mrs. A. B. Omohundro, Murphy road and street; Mrs. Carl Howard, Georgia road; Mrs. Ward Long, Palmer street and one block of Main street; Mrs. Bennie McLamery, East Franklin, Riverview, Church and Iota streets; Mrs. Harry Higgins, State Highway and employees; Mrs. H. T. Horsley, Forest Service and Post-office; John Archer, Power company, A & P, City Market and Dixie Grill; J. E. Perry, one block of business section; T. W. Angel, Jr., one block of business section;

Rev. Hubert Wardlaw, chairman of enrollment in outlying territory; West's Mill, Mrs. Clyde West; Cullasaja, Mrs. Tom Bryson (post-office); Etna, Mrs. Paul Grist; Prentiss, Mrs. Charlie Rogers; Otto, Mrs. Blanche Parrish (post-office); Gneiss, Mrs. Tillery Henderson; Watauga, Mrs. Jeter Higdon; Holly Springs, Mrs. Mary B. Justice; Cartoogechay, Mrs. Carl Slagle; Otter Creek, Frank Wilson; Rainbow Springs, Mrs. Grant Phillips; Tesenta, Claude Patterson; Ellijay, Walter Young; Iota, Mrs. Earl Ward; Burningtown, Mrs. Parrish; Leatherman, Mrs. Weaver Gibson; Tellico, Mrs. Robert Ramsey; Gold Mine, Mrs. Myrtle Keener; Walnut Creek, Mrs. Faye Moses.

Special donations committee: Mrs. Lester Conley; members, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson and Mrs. John Wasilik.

Correction

Last week's issue of the Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian stated that the AAA committee members were appointed by Sam Mendelhall. We apologize for this error and state that these men are elected by secret ballot by AAA members of their township.

Body Of Baby Found By Deputy Sheriff John Dills

Louise Roper, 23, was arrested Monday, November 3 by Deputy Sheriff John Dills on upper Burningtown and charged with the alleged murder of her child which had been born October 20.

Deputy Sheriff Dills following information which he received Saturday, November 1, went to the home of Will Day where Louise Roper had been staying and after questioning Mrs. Morgan, Day's mother-in-law, found the body of the baby in the bottom of a pit.

Mr. Dills stated that there were two large rocks, each weighing between eight and ten pounds, on top of the body and that the right side of the head was mashed in. After finding the body the local officer called Sheriff Martin of Swain county, as the incident had occurred in the edge of that county, who came immediately to the scene of the crime.

Following the coroner's inquest

which was held Monday morning, November 3, Deputy Sheriff Dills proceeded to the home of the girl, accompanied by Sheriff Martin, and arrested her. She was taken to the Swain county jail and placed under the custody of the officers there.

Upon questioning by officers, the mother of the child stated that the child died when born and that she thought she had buried the body in a potato patch.

Information gathered from members of the Will Day household by Officer Dills revealed that Louise complained of being sick on October 20 and that Mrs. Morgan had told her to go home.

A doctor's report submitted at the coroner's investigation stated that the child was a normal baby weighing about nine pounds at birth.

Mr. Dills reported this as being one of the most terrible crimes he had ever investigated.