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WEIMAR JONES BUYS THE PRESS

Experienced Newspaper Man To Take Active Charge Dec. 1st

Weimar Jones, who recently bought The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian, arrived in Franklin Wednesday, and will take active charge December 1.

The new owner, who comes to The Press from The Asheville Citizen, acquired the newspaper and printing business from William S. Johnson and the estate of Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson several weeks ago. He deferred announcement of his plans, however, until this week, pending the outcome of a series of eye operations.

Mr. Jones has had wide newspaper experience, ranging from the two and a half years he owned and edited The Tri-County News in Andrews to a year with the Associated Press. During the latter period he covered the Florida and Georgia legislatures and was stationed in Raleigh as capitol reporter for the AP. Earlier, he served as circulation manager of The Greensboro Record.

In 1928, after a short period with The Charlotte Observer, he joined the staff of The Asheville Times. On that paper he was successively state editor, telegraph editor, and news and city editor. In 1940, he transferred to The Citizen as a reporter, and has been with the Asheville morning daily ever since, with the exception of a period in 1943 when he was in Raleigh as state director of the Office of War Information.

A native of Franklin, Mr. Jones is the son of the late Judge George A. Jones and of Mrs. Jones.

Mr. Jones will be assisted in the business by his wife. Mrs. Jones is well known in church, club, and P. T. A. circles in Asheville and Weaverville. She is treasurer of the Friday Book club in Asheville, secretary of the Weaverville Music club, and a member of the Asheville chapter of the Pan-American league and of the Weaverville book club. She has served three terms as president of the Weaverville Parent-Teacher association, and has often appeared before other associations as guest speaker. Prior to her marriage, she taught, and later did office work.

She and their 11-year old daughter, Elizabeth, will move to Franklin later, probably at the end of the present school semester. The Joneses' son, Sgt. W. G. Jones of the army air corps, recently was assigned to the AAF liaison office at Moore General hospital, Swannanoa, where he shortly will be joined by his wife.

Franklin Circuit Services

The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor on the Franklin Circuit, has announced the schedule for Sunday's services as follows:

Sunday a. m., Sunday school at 10 o'clock and preaching services, at 11 o'clock at the Bethel Methodist church.

Salem church, Sunday school at 2 o'clock and preaching at 3 o'clock.

Preaching at Clark's Chapel at 7:30 o'clock.

Eye Examination Clinic For School Children Dec. 10th

Sponsored By Lions Club And County Health And Welfare Depts.

The Franklin Lions Club, together with the County Health Department and the County Welfare Department, will sponsor an Eye Examination Clinic for school children in need of such service December 10, 1945. An ophthalmologist from Duke Hospital, Durham, will be in charge.

The Clinic is free to those children who are in need of such assistance. The glasses, if needed, may be procured at a minimal cost or in some cases free, through the Lions Club. The Club is especially anxious that all school children in need of such service attend the Clinic.

It will be necessary for those wishing the service to contact the Welfare Department prior

Lieut. Dechman

Reported Missing Since November 12th

Lieut. (j.g.) Stephen Dechman, 33, was reported by the Navy to be missing on Monday, November 12, about 8:30 o'clock when the plane on which he was a passenger from Palm Beach, Fla., to Washington, D. C., was forced to make a landing in an extremely dense fog.

The plane ran out of gas, according to the report made by the navy to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Dechman, who left immediately upon receipt of the message from the navy stating that their son was missing over the Potomac river at Indian Head, Md., and due to the heavy fog, did not know that the passengers were going down into the river.

There were six passengers on the plane, which was piloted by Pilot Livingston, son of Dr. Livingston, of Wadesboro. Mrs. Dechman stated, following her return from Washington, where she contacted Lieut. (j.g.) Carolyn Bohanan, in the WAVES, who bailed out and landed in the Potomac River and was soon picked up by a fisherman's boat. She and Commander Mears were the only two survivors, and WAVE Bohanan said she thought they all landed safely.

Lieut. Dechman was born Lakeland, Fla., on May 16, 1912, and received his early schooling in Jacksonville. He graduated from a school of architecture from the University of Florida, and was a member of the A. T. O. Fraternity. He was practicing architecture before entering the navy in 1943. He graduated from Quantico before going to Banana River where he spent several months. He was then transferred to Anacostia for advanced training in photographic interpretation.

Lieut. Dechman, who left for the Pacific in July 1944 was on the staff of Admiral Sample, photographic interpreter, task force 22. He was in three major battles on Leyte, Mindora and Okinawa, and was flown from Okinawa to Guam following his release for his furlough. He was then flown to Pearl Harbor where he was when V-J Day came. After his return to the states he spent some time with his wife, the former Miss Lorraine Eddy, of Evanston, Ill., and two sons, Stephen Eddy Dechman and Thomas Morgan Dechman, II. He also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Dechman, of Gneiss, who purchased "Skywater", the property of the late W. R. C. Smith, of Atlanta.

Mrs. Dechman stated that the navy was making every effort to locate the four missing passengers.

Members of Lieut. Dechman's family besides the wife and two small sons, and the parents are two brothers, Thomas A. Dechman, with the R. F. C. in Atlanta, Ga., and Dan W. Dechman, who recently returned from France.

Singing To Be Held At Coweta Church

The first Sunday singing will be held at the Coweta Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, December 2, at 1:30 o'clock, it has been announced by J. M. Holt, president. All singers are urged to attend.

Eye Examination Clinic For School Children Dec. 10th

to the Clinic in order that they may be certified, if found in need, for this service.

All school children who have not had a preliminary eye examination in school must call at the Health Department for this examination on December 3 or 4 after having called at the Welfare Department in order to obtain certification for the service.

As the Clinic will serve only forty people, it is very important that all school children call at once, together with any others who feel that they qualify for this service.

It is difficult, at this time, to obtain an eye examination clinic and there will probably not be another for six months. It is especially important that all school children, qualifying for this service, contact the Welfare Department at once.

VICTORY BOND SALES CLIMB

Macon Reaches 15th Place Out Of 100 Counties In State

Figures from the Federal Reserve Bank, of Richmond, Va., show that Macon county has sold 47 per cent of their quota in the "E" series, which is \$101,000. It has been announced by Henry W. Cabe, chairman of the bond drive for Macon county.

Mr. Cabe stated that on the Victory Loan Bulletin, it showed that Macon county was in the 15th place from the top. While this is an exceptionally good rating for the county since there are 100 counties in the state, he is very anxious that we climb a little higher toward the top, and to be able to do this we must buy more bonds in the "E" series.

The Highlands section of Macon county has done a splendid job in the Victory Bond sale, headed by Charlie J. Anderson, with Miss Ruth Carter chairman of the Woman's Division. They have also been assisted by the teachers and the children of the Highlands school. They have sold to date \$20,000 in the "E" series with \$11,000 in the "C" and "F" series, which is an exceptionally good showing. The Macon County Chapter of the United Daughter of Confederacy will have charge of the booth at the Bank of Franklin. Miss Nora Leach is chairman, and will be assisted by Mrs. Zeb W. Conley, Mrs. J. Ward Long, Miss Lillie Rankin and Mrs. Carl W. Slagle.

Workers at the Bank last week included members of the Sallie Moore Bible class of the Methodist church. Miss Ann Lyle and Miss Freda Mae Arnold did well at the booth in Perry's Drug store while Miss Ruth Angel was the worker at Angel's Drug store.

All those who promised to canvass the different sections of the town and county are urged to complete their work as soon as possible.

Representative Of Social Security To Be Here

A representative of the Asheville field office of the Social Security Board will be at the postoffice, Franklin, on December 7, at 9 a. m.

Wage earners who have worked in a job covered by the Social Security Act since December 31, 1936, and have attained age 65, may be eligible to file claim for themselves, their wives, or minor children, whether they have an account number or not. Surviving relatives or deceased workers, such as widows, children, or parents, or if none of the above, persons who have paid funeral expenses, may be eligible to file claim.

In addition, persons who have need of social security account numbers or other information pertaining to the Act are invited to meet this representative at the time and place mentioned.

Sam Wykle, 67 Claimed By Death

Sam Wykle, 67, died at his home in the Leatherman section of Macon county on Sunday morning at 6 o'clock, following a lingering illness of one year.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Barker's Creek Baptist church in Jackson county. The Rev. Frank Gudger, pastor, officiated and interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Wykle, a native of Jackson county, was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Wykle. He was married to Miss Zedie Messer and his life's work was farming.

The pallbearers included Gardner Gunter, Richard Brooks, Garland Wykle, Thomas Gunter, Abraham Brooks and Thomas Wykle.

Surviving are the widow and eight children, four sons, Worley Wykle, Whittier, Oscar Wykle, and Weaver Wykle, of Franklin Route 4, and William Wykle, of Leatherman, four daughters, Miss Rosetta Wykle, Franklin Route 4, Mrs. Flora Greenwood, Mrs. Bonnie Hurst and Mrs. Billy Green, all of Leatherman. Also 17 grandchildren. Potts funeral directors were in charge of arrangements.

Veterans Of Two Wars Entertained By Legion

Members of the American Legion Post 108 and of the American Legion Auxiliary entertained approximately 500 returned veterans of which about 50 served in World War I, at the American Legion Hall on West Main street, with a barbeque and Brunswick stew on Wednesday evening, November 21.

Post Commander C. N. (Joe) Dowdle, assisted by Post adjutant, Miss Lassie Kelly, with their committees, entertained these veterans of two wars in a much over-crowded hall, but despite the lack of adequate room, the servicemen apparently thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

This supper was made possible through contributions of the local businessmen and of the surrounding territory and the barbeque and Brunswick stew was prepared by Mr. Overton, supervisor of the Macon county prison camp.

War Price And Ration Board Office To Close Permanently Nov. 30th

The office of the War Price and Rationing Board in the Ashear Building will be closed permanently on Friday, November 30, 1945. All ration books and tire certificates will be issued from the Sylva War Price and Rationing Board to applicants from Macon and adjoining counties after that date.

Anyone in Macon county wishing to fill out an application for tires may secure these application blanks at the tire inspection stations. An applicant for a ration book may secure the application blank from the home of Mrs. R. S. Jones on Main street through the month of December. Mrs. Jones will mail these applications, after they have been approved by the Board, to the Sylva office for issuance.

Farmers To Elect Committeemen For AAA Program

Over 350,000 Tar Heel farmers will have the opportunity on November 30 to go to the polls and elect more than 9,000 active farmers who will sit down with them and help plan a conservation program based on actual needs of their farms to speed reconversion of the State's farmland from the strain of wartime production. R. Flake Shaw, Secretary, North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation pointed out this week.

"A large vote of confidence" will enable elected AAA Committeemen to do their job with the knowledge that their neighbors are supporting them," Shaw said.

"One of the main programs that the newly elected AAA committeemen will administer during the coming years is the 1946 Agricultural Conservation Program," he declared. "The conservation program, this year, has been decentralized with counties and communities allocated funds for developing their own soil and water conservation practices," he continued.

"To speed reconversion of the State's farmland from the strain of wartime production the most capable farm leadership in the counties and communities are needed," he explained.

"The AAA always has taken the position that those operations which are intimately tied up with the farmer's economic welfare can best be administered by the farmer himself. Many grave problems lie ahead for agriculture and I hope that every eligible farmer in the State will attend his local election meeting and voice his opinion for the men of his choice to represent him considering the problems and demands of the coming year." Shaw concluded.

To Hold Bazaar

The women of the Auxiliary of the St. Agnes Episcopal church will hold a bazaar and bake sale on Saturday morning, December 1, in the office of the Nantahala Power and Light company.

Macon County Reaches Goal In Final War Fund Campaign

Macon Chapter Red Cross To Be Cited For Outstanding Record

Many radio listeners in this county will tune in to Asheville's station WWNC Saturday evening to hear the Macon County Chapter of the Red Cross saluted. The program is set for 6:16 to 6:30. The honor is to be accorded the local chapter in recognition of its outstanding record in production.

Missionary Union To Observe Season Of Prayer

"Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions" will be observed by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Franklin Baptist church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3, 4 and 5, it has been announced by Mrs. Derald Ashe, president.

The meetings are scheduled to begin each afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and will be held at the church. Mrs. R. M. Rimmer and Mrs. Frank M. Higdon will be in charge of the program. All members are urged to attend. The Lottie Moon Christian offering will be taken at these meetings.

Sunday School Class To Sponsor Bazaar

On Saturday, December 8, there will be a bazaar held in the office of the Nantahala Power and Light company, sponsored by the Sallie Moore Class of the Franklin Methodist church.

There will be a variety of hand-made articles on sale including rag dolls, aprons, lunch-eon cloths, baby bed spreads, stuffed animals, pillow cases, crocheted booties, hand made baby clothes and numerous other items. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the class.

Generous Respond To Request For Orphanage

A number of the churches of the Macon County Association of the Baptist denomination, responded generously to the request for produce and gifts to be sent to the Orphanage at Thomasville for Thanksgiving.

The church receiving the highest credit for sending the largest amount of produce and cash, outside the Franklin Baptist church, was the Holly Springs church.

Herbert McGlamery, chairman of the committee and Miss Josephine Hair, assistant, commend the churches that so generously contributed to this worthy cause, and particularly expressed their appreciation for the use of the Agriculture building as a center for collection. They also want to thank the man who donated his truck and time to carry the gifts to Thomasville.

The total produce and cash was estimated by the Orphanage at \$337.08.

Cake Walk At Higdonville School

A cake walk will be given at the Higdonville school house at Higdonville on Saturday night, December 1, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Special music will be rendered by Hunter Young, Sidney Clay and Dewey Corbin. The proceeds derived from the evening's entertainment will be used for the benefit of the basket ball team.

GEORGE H. ROPER PROMOTED

George H. Roper, husband of Mrs. Ruth Roper, residing at Franklin, has been promoted to Corporal, it was announced here.

As a member of the famed 738th Military Police Battalion, Cpl. Roper's duty is that of a line corporal, charged with town motor patrol and training new men.

SERVED IN TWO VITAL CAMPAIGNS

Willard G. Passmore, seaman, first class, of Nantahala, and other Navy men who served on the attack transport USS La Grange are credited in newly revised Navy records with serving in two of the vital campaigns that marked the closing stages of the Pacific war and helped bring the Japanese to their knees.

Almost Half Of County's Quota of \$4,000 Raised By Highlands Section

In the final campaign of National War Fund, Macon county again has come through to reach its goal. The quota assigned by United War Fund of North Carolina was \$7,000.00, and by reason of the averages subscribed in the two previous campaigns it was necessary to raise only \$4000.00 this time. Credit was allowed by the State office for the averages sent in in 1943 and 1944.

While we had actually less money to raise this year than last, it was by far the hardest campaign of the three years. After the strain of the past four years it was only natural that people have a let-down in their interest of this program.

Out of a total of \$4,010.00 subscribed in the entire county the Town of Highlands and surrounding communities raised \$1,655.95, or 41.3% of the total. Too much cannot be said for the Highlands community and their work in the three War Fund campaigns.

On the whole the entire county did a magnificent job in all the campaigns, and the executive committee in charge of the drives wish to thank each and every person for their part in keeping Macon county at the top.

Franklin Panthers

Win Over Murphy Bulldogs 7-0 Thanksgiving

The Panthers closed their season Thanksgiving Day with a decisive 7-0 victory over the Murphy Bulldogs.

Franklin was inside the Bulldogs' 20 twice more but failed in the scoring punch. In the fourth quarter Bob Cochran playing left half, crashed off Murphy's right tackle for 25 yards and a touchdown only to have it called back because of an off-side penalty.

The pay-off touchdown came in the second quarter when Horsley, the quarterback, threw Cabe a 15 yard pass over center. Cabe trotted into the end zone untouched. The extra point was made by Cabe kicking with Horsley holding the ball.

The Future Farmers had the drawing for the prize baby beef at the half.

The half was marked with another attraction—the crowning of the football queen, Margjorie Constance.

Margaret Setser, Margaret Kinsland and Mary Alice Archer were the runners up in this contest. The queen was crowned in the middle of the field by the Captain of the Panthers, Larry Cabe, and then carried on the throne of the Panthers bench where she watched the remainder of the game from this vantage point.

Health Clinic December 3rd

The regular Health Clinic for Franklin and vicinity will be held on Monday, December 3, at 10 a. m. to 12 a. m., and 1 p. m. to 3:30 p. m., at the Macon County Health Department office. Services offered include infant and maternal welfare, maternal hygiene, and immunizations.

Former Owners Of The Franklin Press Extend Thanks To Patrons

William S. Johnson and the estate of Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, former owners of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian, wish to thank the people of Macon county for the friendly cooperation extended them during their operation of the business.

The whole-hearted support of subscribers, advertisers, employees and others has made possible publishing the newspaper. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve you.

We trust that the same cooperation will be extended to Weimar Jones, the new owner and editor of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian.

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