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NEW FARM COOP TO HOLD MEET MONDAY AT 10

Directors To Be Chosen;
Any Macon Farmer May
Become Member

The organization meeting of the new Macon County Farmers Cooperative, Incorporated, will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Agricultural building.

At the meeting, the old Macon County Mutual Soil Conservation Association, Inc., made up of demonstration farmers, will be dissolved, and stockholders in the new cooperative, which will take its place, will elect directors. The directors, in turn, will choose officers of the organization.

Membership in the new organization is open to any farmer in the county, and farmer membership may be obtained by buying one or more shares of common stock at \$1 per share.

S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, announced that the meeting also will be marked by discussion of the proposal that a 100-bushel-to-the-acre corn club be organized, and by the showing of sound motion pictures on hay making and poultry raising.

The meeting, Mr. Mendenhall said, will be one of the most important farm gatherings this year, and every farmer in the county is invited to attend.

The new cooperative is designed to save local farmers money on purchases by the cooperative group buying of seed, fertilizer, machinery, feed, etc., and to sell the products of the farm for the highest price obtainable.

The new corporation has an authorized capital stock of \$100,000, with common and preferred stock. Sixty-seven thousand shares of common stock, to be sold to farmers only, and 33,000 shares of preferred stock, for sale to the general public, are available. All shares have a par value of \$1.

Benefit Dance Planned Friday At Otto School

A benefit dance will be held at 7:30 p. m. January 31, at the Otto school, it has been announced. Proceeds will go toward raising this county's quota for the polio fund.

Do You Remember ...?
(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Collector Sam L. Rogers came over from Asheville yesterday and sold 26 head of fine beef cattle that averaged 1,210 pounds to the head, making 31,460 pounds.

A petition is being signed asking the legislature to pass an act to prohibit the manufacture or sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of every church and school in Macon county.

25 YEARS AGO
The MacDowell Music club met with Miss Margaret Rogers on Wednesday.

The following program was presented, with Miss Rogers as leader:
1. Current events.
2. Comparison of lives of Balakirew and Rimsky-Korsakov—Mrs. W. H. Crawford.
3. Piano Solo, "Novelette", Rimsky-Korsakov — Mrs. Harry Higgins.
4. Vocal Solo, "Cradle Song," Rimsky-Korsakov — Miss Lynn Johnston.
The invited guests were Mrs. S. L. Franks, Mrs. Mahaffey, Mrs. J. S. Sloan, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Mrs. T. J. Johnston, Mrs. M. D. Billings, and Mrs. R. T. Smith.

10 YEARS AGO
W. C. Burrell, local Chevrolet automobile dealer, started work Tuesday grading a site on East Main street, preparatory to construction of a new garage and automobile show room. The property, a double lot between the Nantahala inn and the Watkins hotel, was recently purchased by Mr. Burrell from the Berry heirs at a price reported in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

FFA Boys Win District Meet, Enter State Contest

The seed judging team of the Franklin Future Farmers, having won first place in the seed judging contest at Clyde Wednesday of last week, today (Thursday) is in Shelby, competing in the state contest.

At Clyde, the Franklin boys, competing against eight other teams from this end of the state, were awarded the banner. Second place went to the Bethel team, and third to the group from Bryson City.

Members of the Franklin team are Hayes Gregory, George Crawford, and Foy Dryman. Gregory and Crawford were the two boys making the highest scores.

The team was accompanied to Shelby today by E. J. Whitmire, Jr., vocational agriculture teacher here.

The contest in Shelby is being held in connection with the annual meeting there of the Certified Seed Growers of North Carolina.

1946 RAINFALL HERE 56 INCHES

Highest Temperature
Was 91 Degrees,
Lowest 8

Franklin in 1946 had a total of 56.57 inches of rainfall, figures compiled by G. L. Houk, official weather observer here, show.

Last year is the first complete year on which official weather figures were kept here.

Mr. Houk's weather summary for the year also reveals that the highest temperature recorded in 1946 was 91 degrees, on July 11. The temperature soared above the eighties on only two other days. It reached 90 on the eighth of June and again on August 8.

The lowest temperature last year was 8 degrees, recorded on January 2. The mean for the entire year was 58.3.

The wettest month in 1946 was January, when the precipitation totaled 7.68 inches. November, which had a rainfall of only 2.67 was the driest.

The greatest rainfall in a single 24-hour period occurred on February 10, when 3.26 inches of rain fell.

One hundred twenty-three—almost exactly one-third—of the 365 days in the year were rainy.

The total rainfall by months follows:
January, 7.68 inches; February, 5.29; March, 7.62; April, 4.62; May, 6.88; June, 3.36; July, 4.79; August, 3.29; September, 3.47; October, 2.84; November, 2.67; and December, 4.06.

Addington Named Assistant Agent In Forsyth County

Brownlow Addington, of Franklin, Route 2, recently was appointed assistant county farm agent in Forsyth county, and he and Mrs. Addington and their young son left Monday for Winston-Salem.

Mr. Addington is the fourth Macon county person in recent weeks to receive appointments in the agricultural extension service.

The others are Miss Marie Scott, who is now home demonstration agent in Avery county, Wayne Franklin, county agent in Avery, and Miss Barbara Hurst, who was promoted from assistant to home demonstration agent in Caldwell county.

Mr. Addington attended the Franklin High school, where he took vocational training in agriculture, and was recently graduated from N. C. State college, with a B. S. degree in animal husbandry, having returned to school after his discharge from the armed forces.

Prior to accepting the Forsyth county position, Mr. Addington assisted his father, J. W. Addington, in the operation of the Addington dairy farm.

J. S. Conley, III At Home Here, Improving

J. S. Conley, widely known Franklin business man and civic leader, who has been seriously ill at his home for the past 10 days, is showing marked improvement, members of his family said Thursday.

PLAN LECTURES HERE ON WORLD UNDERSTANDING

4 Noted Speakers To Be
Brought To Franklin
By Rotary Club

Four lectures on international understanding and cooperation will be brought to Franklin this winter by the Franklin Rotary club, club officials announced this week.

The speakers, said to be authorities in their fields, were selected by Rotary International to deliver lectures in communities throughout the country.

The first of the lectures will be heard here Friday, February 14; the second will come a week later; the third is scheduled for February 28; and the fourth for March 6.

Each speaker will be heard twice. In the afternoon, he will address the high school students for the Franklin school; at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, his lecture will be for adults.

Tickets for the evening lectures, which are open to the general public, may be obtained from any member of the Franklin Rotary club.

All eight addresses will be at the Methodist church. It was explained that one of the church auditoriums seemed more desirable for the purpose than either the courthouse or the school, and that the Methodist church was selected as having the largest auditorium of the four churches here.

The general theme of the lecture series is "Is Cooperation Possible?"

The first speaker will be Gerhart Seger, whose topic will be "Getting Together in Europe". Mr. Seger is a former member of the German Reichstag, who escaped from a Nazi concentration camp in 1933 and came to the United States.

"Getting Together in the Orient" will be the subject of the second lecture, set for February 21. The speaker will be W. Leon Godshall, of Bethlehem, Penn. Dr. Godshall is associate professor of diplomatic history and international relations at Lehigh university.

Morris H. Coers, who will be the speaker February 28, served overseas in World War 2 as a field director of the American Red Cross, has traveled extensively in Europe and the Near East.

Macon Farms Change Hands In Two Deals

C. W. Henderson, widely known Macon farmer, figured in two recent farm real estate deals.

Mr. Henderson sold his farm, situated in the Gneiss community, to Mr. and Mrs. Van Thomas, and Mr. Henderson then bought the farm owned by J. T. McCoy, in the Rabbit Creek section.

Stamps on the deeds indicated that the Henderson farm, of about 125 acres, sold for approximately \$17,000, and that about \$11,000 was involved in the transfer of the 90-acre Rabbit Creek farm of Mr. McCoy to Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Henderson, who is recognized as one of the leading produce growers in the county, and Mrs. Henderson plan to move to their new farm at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, as a result of their purchase, plan to expand their fruit, vegetable, and produce production, through which they are well known in Highlands, especially among the summer residents.

Here's Story Of Horse That Committed Suicide

This is the story of a horse that committed suicide. The story is vouched for by Lawrence Myers, who lives in the Bonny Crest section.

About 2 o'clock last Saturday morning the horse broke out of his stall in Mr. Myers' barn. His tracks led down by the Myers home, then to the railroad, down the railroad to the Dillsboro highway, and then toward the Little Tennessee river. Tracking him the next morning, the Myers family found that he ran down the bank of the river to the Hays block plant, where he apparently jumped into the river.

53 Men From This County Enlisted In Navy In 1946

Fifty-three young men from Macon County enlisted in the navy during 1946, it has been announced by the navy recruiting station in Asheville.

Macon stood in ninth place in total enlistments among the 15 counties in the Asheville station's district. Enlistments from Macon represents about 8 per cent of the total of 691 who joined the navy from the 15 counties.

In addition to navy enlistments, 15 Macon men entered the armed services through selective service.

The local draft board's records for the year show that 13 registrants were accepted by the army, and two by the navy.

Figures on army enlistments are not available.

STORE ROBBED IN HIGHLANDS

\$2,000 In Goods, Money,
Fixtures, Taken From
Reeves Hardware

Reeves Hardware store in Highlands was robbed of merchandise fixtures, and money with a total value estimated at between \$1,500 and \$2,000, sometime last Thursday night.

Entrance was gained by breaking in the back door, investigating officers, said. They added that the thieves apparently wore gloves, since it has proved impossible to get fingerprints.

A handprint, apparently that of a woman, was found in dust on the counter, but no fingerprints were obtained.

The store carried no burglary insurance, it was said.

Items hauled away included the cash register, containing about \$70 in cash and \$30 in checks; eight electric heaters; three electric irons; three hot plates; 48 pocketknives; the store's adding machine; carpenter tools, including vises, planes, levels, and hammers; trouble lights; pen and pencil sets; and two radios.

The robbery was discovered by Manager Henry Whitmire when he opened the store Friday morning. He immediately notified officers, and an investigation was made by Highlands' police chief, Olin S. Dryman, State Highway Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., and Deputy Walter Dean and Oscar Dills of the sheriff's office.

The officers said they suspected Percy Webb, serving time for robbery, who is A. W. O. L. from the prison camp for the fourth time. They searched his house in the North Middle Creek section, but found none of the loot. They saw Webb, however, and gave chase for a mile, but he outdistanced them.

The robbery is believed to have occurred in the early morning hours of Friday, since Miss Sara Gilders, who lives over her store nearby, heard noises at the rear of the Reeves store about 2 or 3 o'clock Friday morning, and Fred Edwards, who lives over his store, in the same vicinity, reported seeing a strange stripped-down driving about the town between 11 p. m. and 3 a. m.

Since the ground was frozen at the time, the officers said, it was not possible to find vehicle wheel prints at the rear of the store.

W. E. (Emory) Hunnicutt, who has been suffering from an infected foot, was able to return to his home Tuesday, after several days' treatment at Angel hospital.

\$40,000 Freezer Plant To Be Built

Two Franklin Bills Pending In Assembly

Representative McGlamery has introduced bills in the general assembly which would change the law relating to the issuance of bonds by the Town of Franklin and would permit the town to employ persons who do not live inside the corporate limits.

Under a special local law enacted several years ago, Franklin now may not issue bonds without approval by a majority of the registered voters—that is, all who do not vote in such a bond election are counted as having voted against the bond issue.

Mr. McGlamery's bill, pending in the assembly, would repeal that act and place Franklin under the provisions of the general law of the state, including the provision which requires only a majority of those voting to authorize a bond issue.

The bill was passed by the house Tuesday and sent to the senate.

The second McGlamery bill would permit the Town of Franklin to employ non-residents of the town as policemen, fire chief, town clerk, etc. Under the present law, a man living even a few feet outside the town limits is ineligible for these positions. The law requiring the mayor and members of the board of aldermen to be residents of the town is unchanged.

A similar bill for the Town of Highlands was introduced by

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Developments Show Healthy Trends Here

Healthy business trends in Franklin were indicated this week by three developments:

1. The Franklin Top and Upholstery Company, owned and operated by Ray Delong, formerly of Gainesville, Ga., and Atlas Supply Company, dealers in feeds and hardware, announced the opening of new business as here. The Atlas Supply Company is owned by J. A. Dillard, of Dillard, Ga., and the local store will be managed by P. A. Crunkleton, formerly of Dillard, Ga. A third firm which plans to open for business soon is the Dixie Grill, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Montague. Announcement also was made this week of the organization of the Franklin Frozen Foods, Inc., to erect and open a large freezer locker plant in Franklin.

2. Two long established firms here—Franklin Hardware Company and Angel's Drug Store—have nearly completed expanding their present facilities, including increasing their present floor space.

3. Two leading Franklin stores this week listed in their advertisements in The Press articles for sale which have been scarce for the past several years, indicating easing up of the shortage situation.

Committee Kills McGlamery Bill On Haulers' Fees

Representative McGlamery's bill to exempt private or contract haulers, who are residents of Macon County, from the provision of the state law that prescribes an additional motor vehicle license charge for overloading of trucks, has been unfavorably reported by the house committee on roads.

This action kills the measure. The committee also acted adversely on a similar measure introduced by Rep. H. M. Moore, of Clay county.

BTU Officers' Council To Meet Here February 6

The Officers' council of the Macon County Baptist Training union will meet at the Franklin Baptist church at 7:30 p. m., February 6. All officers are expected to be present.

Plan 500 Small Lockers, Space For Dealers, Curing Room

Plans for construction of a commercial freezer locker plant here were revealed this week when it was announced that a new corporation—Franklin Frozen Foods, Inc.—has been organized.

The incorporators are E. J. Whitmire, Jr., Charles Siler Slagle, and Oscar Ledford. The two latter will be in active charge of the business.

The building and equipment are expected to involve an investment of \$40,000 or more.

Present plans call for the beginning of operations next fall, providing building materials and equipment are available.

In addition to offering service and freezer lockers to the average family, the building will have space for wholesale storage of meats, fruits, and vegetables, for use by merchants, butchers, and slaughterers, and a curing room for pork.

The firm also will buy and sell meat wholesale.

Five hundred freezer lockers are planned.

Service will include the cutting, wrapping, and freezing of meats; the dressing, cutting, and freezing of chickens; and the freezing of fruits.

A two-story building, 40 by 60 feet, is to be erected at a site yet to be determined. The structure will be of tile or cement block construction, it was said.

The new corporation, the charter for which will be filed with the secretary of state early next week, has an authorized capital stock of \$100,000.

The three incorporators are all experienced in the handling of meats. Mr. Whitmire, a graduate of State college, is vocational agriculture teacher here and is widely recognized as an authority on farming, particularly animal husbandry. Mr. Slagle and Mr. Ledford both were vocational agriculture students in the high school here, and Mr. Slagle taught the handling of meats at State college for six months, following his graduation from that institution, while Mr. Ledford has had several years' experience in the meat business in retail markets here.

Presbyterians Raise \$6,485 For Church Enlargement Project

A total of \$6,485 has been raised to date, in cash and pledges, for the proposed enlargement and modernizing of the Franklin Presbyterian church, according to J. Ward Long, treasurer. The goal is \$10,000.

The money is to be used for construction of an educational annex at the rear of the present church, installation of a central heating system, and restoration of the bell tower and steeple, struck by lightning several years ago.

Mr. Long said contributions from members of the church and from business men of the community who are not members of the Presbyterian church are very gratifying.

It is hoped that construction can get under way this spring.

Alexandria Labor Union Headed By Macon Native

Hal Roper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Roper of Franklin, last week was elected president of the Central Labor union at Alexandria, Va., according to word received here. Mr. Roper, who has lived at Fairfax, Va., for the past 10 years, was born and reared in Macon County and attended the Franklin High school.

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
January 23	53	18	...
January 24	60	37	...
January 25	52	41	.10
January 26	62	41	.14
January 27	64	25	...
January 28	67	25	...
January 29	69	34	...
Rainfall for 7-day period, .24 of an inch.			
Rainfall for year to date, 10.25 inches.			