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Whitaker To Speak At C. of C. Dinner

Annual Gathering Set For April 23 At Memorial

Edwin B. Whitaker, Bryson City attorney and well known public speaker, has accepted an invitation to address the annual dinner meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, it was announced this week.

The meeting, to which the general public is invited, has been set for Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p. m. It will be held at Siagle Memorial Building.

Mr. Whitaker, the guest speaker, is a former state senator from this (the thirty-third) district, is a member of the board of trustees of Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, is active in the work of Western North Carolina Associated Communities, and has long been identified with movements looking to the progress of this region. He has spoken in many parts of the state, and is increasingly in demand.

Details of the program, in addition to the address, are being whipped into shape this week.

A feature of the business session will be the election of seven directors for the coming year. The new directors, in turn, will elect the organization's officers from among their number, and will employ a secretary for the summer season.

While an effort is being made to reach every member of the chamber with an invitation to the event, members of the board of directors emphasized that every man and woman in Macon County who is interested in the advancement of the community is invited to be present and participate in the business and discussion.

Because it is necessary to know in advance how many persons to prepare for, those planning to attend are asked to make reservations by not later than next Monday. They may be made by postal card addressed to P. O. Box 70, Franklin.

The dinner charge per plate will be \$1.50.
Tickets may be purchased at the door.

CLUB TO MEET

The Cartogechaye Men's club will meet Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Community house.

Do You Remember ...?

(Looking backward through
the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Capt. A. P. Munday sold his mill property near Friday yesterday to Capt. C. J. Harris, of Jackson county, for \$3,000. It is thought that Capt. Harris will add other machinery and greatly improve the property.

Since the return of George A. Jones from Transylvania county he informs The Press that he has decided to become a candidate for reelection to the office of solicitor of the twelfth judicial district. He is in the field to run a straight Democratic race free from all congressional or other trading entanglements, standing on his merit alone.

25 YEARS AGO

The Iotla High school will hold its annual commencement on April 20th to 23rd. An excellent program is being prepared, culminating in the graduating exercises Monday night, April 23rd, when Dean M.C.S. Noble, of the Peabody department of Chapel Hill, will deliver the commencement address.

Mr. Noble spoke at Iotla several years ago, and many of the people of the community will remember him as an interesting speaker and one whom they will gladly hear again.

10 YEARS AGO

In the American Legion essay contest on the subject, "The Advantages of American Citizenship," which closed on April 5th, the following were the winners in Macon county: First prize, Harold Sloan, Franklin; second prize, Mildred Zachary, Highlands; and third prize, Mildred Bryson.

Contract Let To New Firm To Dig Well

Contract for boring a town well on the Harry Thomas property, in East Franklin, was let by the Franklin board of aldermen at a called meeting Tuesday night.

The contract went to the Virginia Supply and Well company, of Atlanta, which bid \$6 a foot for boring and installing the necessary casing.

Contract for the well was let to the Gainesville Well Drilling company, of Gainesville, Ga., early in February, but the latter firm discontinued operations recently, announcing that muck made drilling impractical at that site.

Present plans call for continued drilling by the new contractor at the same site.

\$300 Sought In County To Fight Cancer

H. H. Plemmons has been appointed Macon County chairman for the American Cancer society's fund campaign here, and the drive got under way Monday.

Mr. Plemmons was named fund chairman by Mrs. Lester Conley, county commander of the society's field army.

The goal of the campaign is \$300.

The campaign here is part of a nation-wide drive for funds for a two-fold attack on cancer: through education of the public as to the symptoms to watch for, and on the need of prompt examination; and through research into the causes and cure of cancer.

In view of the local importance of the campaign—11 died in this county of cancer in 1946, and 11 more during the first nine months of 1947—Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., has proclaimed April as cancer control month.

The text of the proclamation follows:
"Whereas one of every three who now die of cancer could be saved through early detection

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School Loses

2 Teachers; Miss Enloe Joins Faculty

The Franklin school has just lost two members of its faculty. Frank Plyler, physical education instructor and coach, resigned, and Mrs. L. A. Ross, teacher of high school biology, suffered a broken leg in a fall, and will be unable to resume her duties this term.

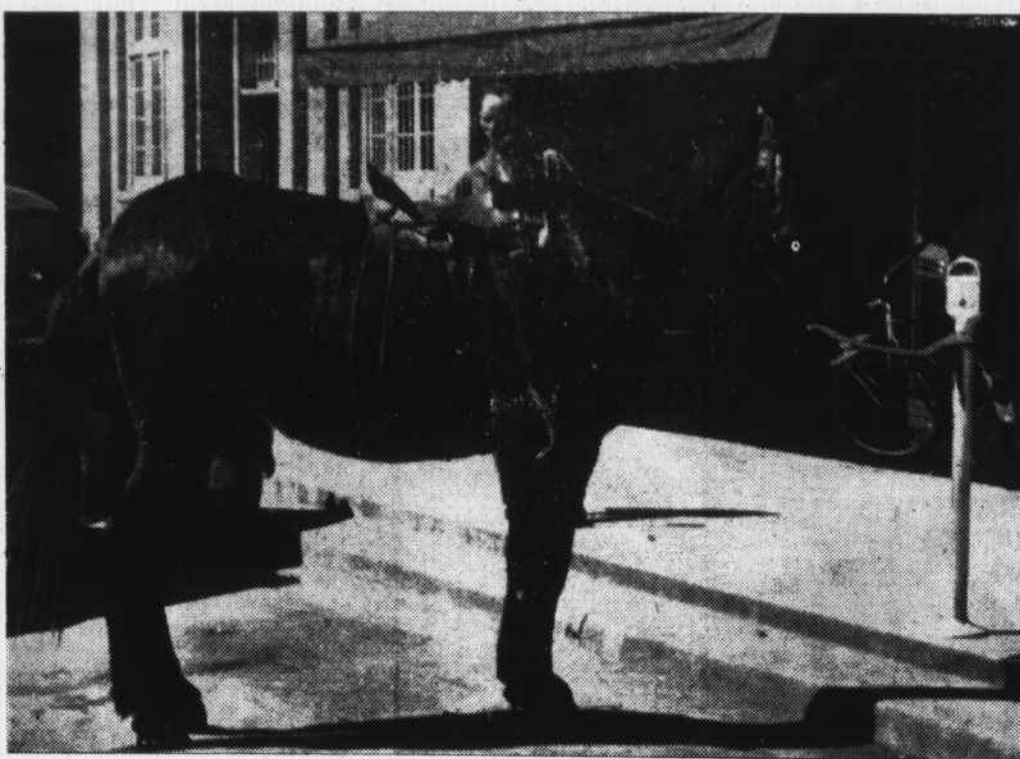
William (Bill) Crawford has taken over Mr. Plyler's duties as physical education instructor and coach, Principal W. H. Finley announced, and Miss Roberta Enloe, of Franklin, Route 1, formerly of Raleigh, has been employed as a classroom teacher. Miss Enloe, who assumed her duties Monday morning, is teaching eighth grade science and health, and has a class in civics.

No successor for Mrs. Ross has yet been employed.

Mr. Plyler accepted a position with the Nantahala National Forest, and started his duties as clerk at the Wayah Depot April 7. He succeeds Charles D. Salmon, who resigned last December.

Broughton, In Senate Race, Visits Franklin

J. Melville Broughton, candidate for the U. S. senate, was here last Friday to confer with supporters. The former governor, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the senate seat now held by W. B. Umstead, discussed the Macon County situation with his county manager, E. W. Long, and others. He was accompanied here by Richard Queen, of Waynesville.



A PENNY'S A PENNY, whether it's to park an automobile or a mule, in the opinion of Jimmy Hunnicutt. So he "parked" his mule in downtown Franklin, dropped his penny in the parking meter, and did his shopping, just as any motorist would. Tying a mule to a parking meter, of course, is a far cry from the old hitching post. But Mr. Hunnicutt, who lives south of Franklin and is employed at the railroad station, didn't find a hitching post recently when he rode into town to shop. He hitches to the meter, instead, and found it quite satisfactory. He's shown standing back of the mule.

FOUR FILE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Sherrill, Jacobs, Cook, Moore In Race; Vote Body To Meet

Four more persons — from three different sections of the county—Wednesday had filed for the Democratic nomination for the five-member county board of education:

They are Luther Jacobs, of Aquone, Frank B. Cook, of Highlands, Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, of Franklin, Route 1, and C. Gordon Moore, of Franklin, who seeks renomination to the board. Bob Sloan had filed earlier.

The deadline for filing for local offices is 6 p. m. Saturday.

Other local political developments of the past week:

1. L. B. Nichols, Andrews merchant, announced that he is a candidate for state senator from this, the thirty-third district, comprising Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, and Macon counties. He is the first candidate to announce for the senator's post.

2. Chairman J. J. Mann of the county board of elections announced that the board will

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Franklin Students Win High Ratings At Musical Festival

Two members of the Franklin Junior Music club won superior ratings in the piano competitions at last Saturday's Western District Music festival in Asheville.

Another was adjudged very good, and the other two entrants, good.

The five from Franklin, and the ratings they won were: Jo Ann Henderson, superior; Martha Ann Stockton, superior; Edith Plemmons, very good; Freda Siler, good; and Conna-ree Nolen, good.

Adults attending the conference from Franklin were Mrs. Weimar Jones, the club's counselor and teacher of the five entrants; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Plemmons; and Mrs. Lester Henderson.

Albright To Be Here On Campaign Trailer Saturday

R. Mayne Albright, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will be in Franklin next Saturday afternoon, on a swing through Western North Carolina.

Accompanied by Mrs. Albright, the candidate will arrive here at 6 p. m. in the couple's campaign trailer, "The Challenger", and he will speak from the vehicle on the street here during the 20 minutes he is in Franklin.

Coming here from Hayesville, Mr. Albright will go on to Brevard for a political rally Saturday evening.

Union Organizer's Auto Smashed; Warning Left

Diesels Arrive As T. F. Exhausts Supply Of Coal

The two new Diesel freight locomotives ordered by the Tallulah Falls Railway company about four months ago arrived in Cornelia Sunday—just when the road faced the prospect of suspending freight service for lack of coal.

The 70-ton engines were given a test run Tuesday and went into regular service Wednesday.

The road put on a Diesel engine about a year ago to haul mail and express, and with the addition of the two freight engines, the Tallulah Falls is powered entirely by Diesel. Three of the four steam locomotives are to be sold, the fourth being retained for emergencies.

At the time the engines arrived, the road was entirely out of coal, with no prospect of obtaining any, due to the coal strike.

Mrs. Shope Named Macon Health Nurse

Mrs. Frank Shope, of Franklin, Route 2, has been appointed public health nurse, and assumed her duties Monday.

Her appointment fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Josephine Gaines last August.

A senior public health nurse, Mrs. Shope has had experience in West Virginia, Tennessee, and Piedmont North Carolina. Prior to her marriage, she was Miss May Gribble, of Hayesville.

Mrs. Shope received her nurse's training in the Roanoke Rapids hospital nursing school, and holds a public health nursing certificate from Peabody college, Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Shope will be employed full-time. Four days a week she will be working throughout the county, and the other two days she will be in the health office in the Ashear building for consultations and clinics, it was said.

Her duties will include examinations of school children, especially those in the first and third grades; holding immunization clinics; and home visiting.

Mrs. Shope will work as a member of the staff of the district health department. This health district comprises Macon, Jackson, Haywood, and Swain counties, and the Cherokee Indian Reservation. The cost of operating the department is borne jointly by those five units and by the state.

Glass Broken With Pipe; Bacon Told To Leave Within 24 Hours

The automobile of Oscar B. Bacon, labor union organizer of Johnson City, Tenn., was found here, with its windows smashed, at an early hour Friday morning, and a warning left on the vehicle.

Every window in the four-door 1935 Chevrolet had been broken, apparently with a pipe that was found in the car. The rear seat cushion and a blanket had been tossed out in a field. And a piece of cardboard bearing a pencil warning to the organizer to leave town was found tied to the left front door.

No arrests have been made so far.

Mr. Bacon, who has been in and out of Franklin for several weeks, drove away in his car Friday afternoon. Literature in the automobile indicated that he is an organizer for the United Construction Workers, an affiliate of the United Mine Workers of America.

The car was left parked Thursday night on the south side of East Main street, at the top of the hill. Sometime during the night, it was rolled down the hill, and turned into the street that leads to Angel hospital.

About 2:30 Friday morning attendants at the hospital heard the noise of the windows being smashed, and telephoned night policeman T. W. Phillips. He called Highway Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., and the two found the wrecked car in the dip below the hospital, and had it brought to the jail, where it was the object of much curious attention during the day Friday.

The warning bore the caption: "BEWARE". Underneath were drawings apparently meant for skull and crossbones, and at the bottom: "24 hrs. out of here!"

The organizer told Mr. Smith he had had a disagreement with a man at the place he had been rooming Thursday, and he moved to another rooming house that night. Mr. Smith questioned the man, but said there was

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Johnson, On W. N. C. Tour, Visits Franklin

State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, on a tour of this section of the state in the interest of his candidacy for governor, stopped in Franklin for a visit yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon. While here, Mr. Johnson conferred with his manager, C. N. Dowdle, and friends and supporters.

PAINT REGISTER'S OFFICE

The county commissioners this week had the register of deeds office painted. It was the first coat of paint the office has had in many years, it was said.

2 SHOOTINGS, BEER CASE ON COURT DOCKET

Otto Damage Suits Also To Be Tried At Term Opening Monday

Two shooting cases, damage suits growing out of the automobile death of a Highlands youth, and the Macon County beer election injunction case will highlight the April term of Macon superior court, which will open here Monday morning.

The term was postponed from last week.

It will be the first Macon County court for Thad D. Bryson, Jr., in his capacity as solicitor. Judge F. Donald Phillips will preside.

The defendants in the shooting cases are Miss Ella West, of the Oak Grove community, and Floyd Hannah, of Ellijay. Each is charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Miss West is alleged to have fired through the door of her home March 17, the charge striking five-year old Wanda Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clark, neighbors of Miss West. It was necessary to amputate the child's left leg. The shooting is alleged to have been a case of mistaken identity.

Hannah, 36, is charged with the shotgun shooting of his wife, 28, at their Ellijay home about 6 a. m. March 5, following a quarrel.

Damage suits for \$50,000 and \$10,000, growing out of an automobile accident in Highlands last August 31, in which Sheridan N. Reed, 17, was killed, await trial. W. L. Reed, administrator of the estate of Sheridan Reed, seeks \$50,000 from Mrs. Katherine Otto, of Miami, Fla., and Odell McCoy, of Gneiss, is suing Mrs. Otto for \$10,000. Mrs. Otto is alleged to have been the driver of one of two cars that collided, resulting in the death of young Reed, and alleged personal injury to Mr. McCoy and damage to his automobile. Young Mr. Reed and Mr. McCoy were in the latter's car at the time.

The hearing on the beer election injunction, it is understood, will determine whether the county must pay the pre-election costs of the beer election that was halted by the injunction; and whether persons desiring an election on beer and wine sales in Macon County must prepare and file a new petition for such an election.

The election, which was set for last February 14, was halted by an injunction obtained three days earlier. The injunction was granted on the grounds that the petition seeking the election was not in proper order.

The April criminal docket lists only four cases of prohibition law violation, an unusually small number. More than a score of defendants, however, are charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Nine suits for divorce are pending.

Thorpe Heads

Southeastern Electrical Organization

J. E. S. Thorpe is the new president of the Southeastern Electrical Exchange. Mr. Thorpe, who is head of the Nantahala Power and Light company, was named to head the organization at its meeting at Boca Raton, Fla., last week.

He and Mrs. Thorpe, who accompanied him to the meeting, returned to Franklin Sunday.

The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coweta Experiment station, follow:

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	74	51	1.14
Thursday	68	55	.67
Friday	67	44	0
Saturday	62	28	0
Sunday	67	45	.04
Monday	81	63	T*
Tuesday	78	57	0
Wednesday	60	07	

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