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MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN WILL START FRIDAY

Quota For This Year Will Amount To \$3,240

The 1949 March of Dimes will start tomorrow (Friday), it was announced this week by J. H. Stockton, Macon County campaign director.

The annual March of Dimes raises funds for the fight against infantile paralysis (poliomyelitis), and Mr. Stockton pointed out that last year the dimes Macon County people had given in previous years to the cause "came marching home again, threefold, and more."

For this county had 13 cases—most of them children—last year, as a result of the summer epidemic. All, he pointed out, were provided adequate hospital medical, and nursing care, by the March of Dimes fund, at a total cost of approximately \$5,000. The Macon County chapter had in its treasury only \$1,355, and the remaining \$3,645—73 per cent of the total amount necessary—was promptly provided by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

This year's quota for Macon County is \$3,240—or less than the amount the Nation Foundation provided last year for the treatment of Macon County cases, Mr. Stockton emphasized.

The people in this county have consistently oversubscribed the county quota. Last year's quota of \$1,960 was oversubscribed by \$340.

March of Dimes school cards are being made available for every child in the county's public schools, and letters asking for contributions are being mailed to approximately 1,000 adults, the campaign director said. And the campaign plans call for operation of a dime board on the square the next two Saturdays.

Local organizations also will be asked to support the campaign.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

An application was made to the town council last Friday evening to open a new street in the western part of town, leaving Harrison Avenue opposite the Presbyterian church and running along the North side of the Methodist cemetery, and crossing the corner of the I. J. Ashe lot down into the hollow, thence with the line between the I. J. Ashe lots and Dr. S. H. Lyle's lots on the north and the George A. Jones lots on the South, thence out to the corporation line where Matt Ray lives. The board will probably report favorably on the proposition.

25 YEARS AGO

About five o'clock last Sunday morning fire was discovered in the home of Mr. W. L. Higdon on West Main Street, and in spite of all efforts to save it the home was soon reduced to ashes. The fire fighting apparatus was on the scene in a few minutes but owing to the extremely low temperature the chemical extinguisher would not work and it was found that the fire hydrant in front of the house was frozen.

10 YEARS AGO

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Franklin held on Wednesday, January 4, all officers and directors were reelected for another year, and a cash dividend of 10 per cent was declared. The officers and directors are as follows: President, Dr. W. A. Rogers, Vice-president, M. D. Billings, Cashier, H. W. Cabe, assistant cashier, L. B. Liner, Directors, C. F. Moody, chairman; M. L. Dowdle, H. W. Cabe, W. A. Rogers, M. D. Billings, Grover Jamison, and R. S. Jones.

Bank Of Franklin Holds Stockholders Meeting Officers, Directors Stay

All officers and directors of The Bank of Franklin were reelected at meetings of the stockholders and directors held yesterday (Wednesday).

The stockholders met first and reelected the directors, and the latter, in turn, held their organization meeting and reelected all officers.

Members of the board of directors for 1949 are A. B. Slagle, M. L. Dowdle, H. W. Cabe, Fred M. Arnold, Grover Jamison, Sr., R. S. Jones, and L. B. Liner.

Reelected to serve as the institution's officers for 1949 are:

Mr. Slagle, chairman of the board; Mr. Dowdle, president; Mr. Jones, vice-president; Mr. Cabe, cashier; and George Dean, Grover Jamison, Jr., and J. C. Jacobs, assistant cashiers.

The directors, at a meeting the latter of 1948, had declared the same stock dividend as was declared for the year 1947.

C OF C DINNER MEET WILL BE HELD LATER

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce last Thursday night, the directors decided to postpone the annual dinner meeting which was to have been held on January 14.

Several members felt that if the meeting were delayed a short while that it would still be possible to obtain Dr. I. G. Greer for the principal speaker. Dr. Greer, who had been scheduled to speak at the meeting Friday night had to cancel his appointment due to ill health.

When the officials of the chamber of commerce learned of this they decided to postpone the meeting in hopes that Dr. Greer would soon recover sufficiently to enable him to fill the engagement.

Macon B & L Shows Gain During Year

With an increase of \$35,753.80 in the total amount of shares, the Macon County Building and Loan Association has had a good year during 1948. Of this total amount in shares, \$27,100.00 of the increase has been derived from paid up shares; while \$8,654.80 was derived from installment shares.

The organization also shows that it has increased its services as a financial institution to the community by increasing the mortgage loans during the past year from \$151,706.00 to \$199,998.00.

The total assets are now listed at \$209,806.39 and the total value of the shares, full paid and installment, now amounts to \$179,868.63.

The local building and loan organization was organized here in 1923 and has been in continuous existence ever since.

Overseas Relief Donations Should Be Left At Farmers Federation

Officials of the local CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) unit have announced that the drive for food for the needy overseas will be continued. All persons who have canned food stuffs, grain, such as wheat or corn, or cash which they wish to donate to this worthy cause are requested to bring their donations to the Farmers Federation on Palmer street this Saturday.

Franklin Basketball Teams Take Two Games From Cullowhee High

The Franklin boys and girls basketball teams continued to show marked improvement when they took both games from the strongly favored Cullowhee teams Tuesday night on the local court.

The score of the boys game was Franklin 25, Cullowhee 19; while the girls won by the close score of 20-18. This was the second consecutive win for boys and the second win of the season for the girls.

Last Friday night the boys

five outscores the Nantahala aggregation by 26-19 count; but the local girls suffered defeat from the strong Nantahala quintet with the local team scoring only 14 points to their opponents 28.

Coach Milburn Atkins, when asked to name his best performers in the contests, commented that neither team had performers who stood out above the rest and that he felt the improved showing made by both teams as the season progressed was due to excellent team spirit and team play.

Franklin plays two engagements, with the boys and girls teams of Stecoah high school from Graham Friday night on the local court at the Franklin high school building.

Welch Buys Glenn Ray's Store Here

The grocery and feed store operated by R. G. (Glenn) Ray under the name of Ray Grocery and Feed company has been purchased by L. B. Welch, who has already taken over the business.

Under its new ownership, Mr. Welch said, the Palmer street store will be known in future as Welch Grocery and Feed company.

Mr. Welch, son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Welch, and his wife have been employed by the General Motors corporation at Pontiac, Mich., since the end of the war. He and Mrs. Welch, who will be associated with him in operation of the business here, returned to Macon County only a few days ago.

Mr. Ray, who said he had made no definite plans for the future, has been connected with the business—formerly as a partner with L. B. Liner, but more recently as full owner—for 10 years. It was operated at the foot of the East Main street town hill from 1938 to 1941, when it was moved to its present location.

SCOUTERS WIN SILVER CUP FOR SEVENTH TIME

The Smoky Mountain district won the attendance award again at the annual Daniel Boone council conference of Scouters (adults who assist in sponsoring Boy Scout work), held in Asheville Monday afternoon and evening.

It was the seventh time in eight years that this district, made up of Macon, Swain, and Jackson counties, has brought home the silver cup. The award goes to the council having the largest percentage of attendance, with credit given for distance traveled.

Persons from Franklin attending the meeting included James Hauser, John W. Edwards, W. W. Sloan, John D. Alsop, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Mrs. Esther Freas, and Ross Zachary.

16 Girl Scouts Make 16 Needy Children Happier During Christmas Season

The 16 members of the Franklin troop of Girl Scouts have "adopted" the 16 neediest children in the first grade at the school here.

Shortly before Christmas each Scout assumed the responsibility for seeing to it that one of the 16 neediest first graders had some of the things that are necessary if a youngster is to have a happy Christmas.

Using their own money—either from their allowances or earnings—each Scout bought three gifts for the child she was responsible for. There was a toy, an article of clothing, and candy for each youngster. The Scouts wrapped the gifts in Christmas paper, and took them to school.

Now the Scouts are busy preparing to give a play, the proceeds of which will go to buy

clothing and other things needed by the 16 children they are looking out for. The date for the play, on which the Scouts already have spent considerable time, will be announced soon.

The Girl Scouts also are attempting to do their share in community affairs. They came forward last summer, for example, to offer to "baby-sit" for mothers of small children who wished to attend the X-ray clinics, and a similar offer was made at the November election.

The troop leader is Mrs. R. L. Porter. Assisting here are Mrs. Tom Phillips, Mrs. Virginia Bryant Jones, and Mrs. John Edwards.

Troop officers are Elizabeth Jones, president; Wilma Gay Phillips, secretary; and Betty Lou Constance, treasurer.

Five Macon Men Enlist In U. S. Army Recently

During the month of December, 11 men were enlisted in the United States Army through the local recruiting office which covers six western North Carolina counties.

Five of the 11 came from Macon County according to Sgt. C. M. Faircloth, who is in charge of the local office.

These young men and their enlistments are: James A. Mashburn, Gneiss, regular army, two years, unassigned; Clyde Corbin, Route 4, Franklin, three years, United States air force, unassigned; Howard Talient, Franklin, three years, United States air force, unassigned; Homer L. Angel, Franklin, United States air force, unassigned; Guy M. Henson, Franklin, three years, air force regular army, Atlanta, Ga.

Otto PTA Takes In \$71.80 At Christmas Dance

Proceeds from the dance sponsored by the Otto school Parent-Teacher Association on December 30 amounted to \$71.80 according to an announcement by Mrs. Ed Henson president of the organization. Mrs. Henson added that she wished to thank all those who supported the dance and to announce that the next PTA meeting will be held Monday, January 31 at 1:30 p. m.

LEE GUFFEY IMPROVING

Lee Guffey, who has been ill for many months and is now a patient at the U. S. naval hospital at Charleston, S. C., is improving. Mrs. Guffey, who spent the Christmas holidays with him, said she could note steady improvement. Mr. Guffey, she said, has become much interested in handicraft work, which he has taken up since going to Charleston.

Rev. B. Hoyt Evans Chosen Moderator Of Asheville Presbytery

The Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church was elected moderator of Asheville presbytery which is now in session at the Mountain Orphanage at Black Mountain.

Rev. Evans succeeds the Rev. J. C. Lime, of Asheville as moderator.

Twenty-two ministers and 17 ruling elders representing approximately 5,500 church members gathered at this session of the Presbytery.



REP. C. S. SLAGLE

Rep. Slagle Named To 9 Committees

Representative Carl S. Slagle, who recently assumed a seat as a freshman in the North Carolina General Assembly, was named as a member of nine different committees for the present session of the legislature.

Representative Slagle was named on four committees which will probably play an important role in the future of the "Go Forward" program proposed by Governor Kerr Scott in his recent message to the legislature. These committees are roads, appropriations, agriculture, and health.

Other committees which the prominent Macon County farmer was asked to serve on are: conservation and development, mental institutions, printing, public welfare, and wildlife resources.

Since Representative Slagle had served for many years as chairman of the Macon County welfare board and had expressed a keen desire to aid the mental institutions of the state was undoubtedly pleased with his appointment to those committees dealing with welfare problems and the mental institutions of the state.

Mr. Slagle, who was accompanied by his wife, is residing at the Sir Walter hotel, during his stay in Raleigh.

H. L. Nichols, senator from this district was named to the following committees: conservation and development, counties, cities and towns, election laws, engrossed and enrolled bills, finance, immigration, institutions for the blind, interstate and federal relations, public utilities, public welfare, railroads, unemployment compensation, state commission for the blind, chairman of mining.

Local Boy Serves In Color Guard At Ft. Jackson

James A. Mashburn, son of Mrs. F. E. Mashburn, of Gneiss, who recently volunteered for service in the United States army, served as a member of a color guard in a review. Young Mashburn is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Franklin P. T. A. To Meet Monday Night At Franklin School

The Franklin Parent-Teacher association will hold its January meeting at the school Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting will be devoted largely to business.

The new principal, Robert Guy Sutton, will be introduced.

1948 RECEIPTS AT POST OFFICE PASS '47 MARK

Receipts Are Highest Set Here In Peacetime Business

Postal receipts usually are post office in 1948 set an all-time record for a peace time year. This was the second consecutive year that the local post office has exceeded all previous peace time records.

Total receipts for the year were \$23,217.65 it was announced this week. This exceeds last year's total by \$1,437.74.

Postal receipts are usually considered a reliable barometer of general business conditions.

The postal receipts for the year 1936—12 years ago—were \$12,345.77. In twelve years receipts have increased by \$0,861.88 or have almost doubled.

During the past year 21,113 money orders were issued in the amount of \$246,758.95. This exceeds the previous year's total by \$16,855.23.

Receipts reached abnormal figures during the war years due to the increase of mail to men in service. In 1945 receipts reached their peak with a total of \$25,377.88.

Tobacco Growers

May Make Application For Growers Allotment

Farmers who have no burley tobacco allotment, but have had experience growing tobacco during the past five years on another farm or in another county are eligible to file application for a new growers allotment according to a recent announcement by Robert Fulton, chairman of Macon County AAA Committee.

Closing date for filing is February 1, 1949. Application blanks are available now at the county AAA office, according to the chairman's announcement.

Drivers Licenses

Must Be Renewed Soon By H, I, J, K, Group

Motor vehicle operators whose surnames begin with the letters H, I, J, or K are required to renew their drivers' licenses between January 1 and June 30, of this year, it was pointed out this week by Robert V. Hooper, of the highway safety division of the State Highway and Public Works commission.

Mr. Hooper, whose headquarters are in Bryson City, is in Franklin—at the office of the clerk of superior court—each Wednesday and Thursday to give drivers' tests to applicants for licenses.

Highway Commission Free To Move Road Signs

After a court hearing, the state highway commission was free to enforce an ordinance requiring moving of advertising signs back from the edges of highways.

Superior Court Judge Henry L. Stevens, vacated a restraining order brought by advertisers against the commission.

The ordinance which the advertising firms sought to keep the commission from enforcing requires that all advertising signs be moved back at least 50 feet from the center line of all state highways.

R. Brooks Peters, counsel for the highway commission, said the judges decision left the commission free to enforce the ordinance.

The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coweeta Experiment station.

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	54	51	3.99
Thursday	52	30	.14
Friday	51	24	.00
Saturday	60	29	.00
Sunday	73	33	.00
Monday	75	35	.00
Tuesday	74	37	.00
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