

### THIS COUNTY'S FARM PROGRESS IN 1949 IS CITED

Seed 10,000 Grass Acres; 10 'A' Barns Built; Poultry Triples

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Macon County farmers made more progress during 1949 than ever before. In any community that you may visit green pastures, winter cover crops, good corn, poultry houses and Grade A dairy barns can be seen.

It is estimated that the corn yield is now approximately 40 bushels per acre, an increase of 21 bushels in the past 10 years. This increase is due to the use of hybrid corn, more legumes turned under, improved seeding and cultivation practices and practical application of fertilizer.

There were 10 Grade A dairy barns built in 1949, bringing the total to 34. These dairies produced 3,045,200 pounds of milk, an increase of 713,522 pounds over last year. Artificial breeding is now being used by a majority of the dairy farmers.

Poultry has increased from 50 flocks last year to 150 flocks this year. The income from eggs and milk alone is over one million dollars a year.

Farmers seeded 234,188 pounds of grass and legume seeds. This represents 253 acres of alfalfa, 3,500 acres pasture, 3,900 acres of winter cover, 2,500 acres of lespedeza, 400 acres of soybeans.

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### Lions To Stage Dance Tonight At Skyway

A New Year's dance, with Teddy Martin and his orchestra, of Waynesville, will be held on the roof of the Skyway hotel here tonight, starting at 8:30 o'clock. The affair is a Franklin Lions club benefit; the proceeds to be used by the club in its work for the blind.

### Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

**NOTICE TO TOM PORTER**—You are hereby notified that I accept your challenge to wrestle, and I will meet you for that purpose on Sam L. Rogers' front yard two weeks from next Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. sharp. All friends of both parties are invited to be present.—N. L. Barnard.

Leon Sloan left Monday for Waihalla, S. C., to clerk in the store in which his brother, J. S. Sloan, is employed.

Postmaster H. H. Jarrett moved the post office Thursday from the hotel building to the Higgins brick building.

Dr. Lyle, assisted by Drs. Rogers, Siler and Fouts, performed a surgical operation on Mr. H. P. Ray for appendicitis last Thursday evening.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Rev. J. Q. Wallace has completed the concrete wall around the yard of the Presbyterian church and also the walk leading up to the church.

The following young people are home from college for the Christmas holidays: Dick Jones, G. J. Johnston, C. C. Pindexter, Paul Newman, C. L. Fouts, B. F. Fouts, H. C. Fouts, Dick Slagle, C. L. Tallent, Mack Franks, Prioleau Brabson, and Misses Nora Moody, Kate Higdon, and Clyde Arrandale.

### 10 YEARS AGO

It was announced by Mrs. Ordway that the community center for Negroes would be completed before the end of December.

Henderson Davis Dean, former representative of Macon County in the general assembly, died at his home in the Oak Grove community last Friday.

Joseph Harrington Pattillo, of Franklin, has enlisted in the U. S. navy.



**ASSUMES POST**—Miss Barbara Brown (above) will assume her duties as assistant home demonstration agent in this county next week. Miss Brown, whose home is Dillard, Ga., is a graduate of the University of Georgia, where she majored in home economics. Her chief work here will be with the 4-H clubs.

### Killians Win Yule Lighting Contest Here

Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Killian won top place in this season's outdoor Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Franklin Garden club.

Second place went to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Henderson, and the tree decorated by James Burch at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burch, was adjudged third.

The judges—Mrs. W. A. Rogers, J. L. West, Jr., and Clell Bryant—said rarely, if ever, have more homes here been decorated. Christmas lighting of some sort being visible at almost every home. So many were artistically decorated, they added, that the judging was difficult.

The Killian entry, on Porter street, was featured by a snow man and woman, floodlighted, with supplementary yard decorations.

The arrangement of lights about the front door of the Henderson home, on Hillcrest avenue won second place for that entry.

The Burch entry, in East Franklin, was a huge spruce tree, on which lights had been strung in careful symmetry.

### J. W. Waldroop

### Funeral Rites Conducted Wednesday

Funeral services for James Wilburn Waldroop were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Maiden's Chapel Methodist church.

Mr. Waldroop, 26, was found dead Monday morning in his automobile near Tate City, Ga., where he was employed by the U. S. Forest Service. A coroner's jury reported he died from natural causes. He had suffered for many years from asthma.

Survivors include three brothers, Belton, Edward, and Jess Waldroop, and one sister, Mrs. W. L. Anderson, all of the Cartoogechay community.

The body was brought here Tuesday and taken to the home of his brother, Edward Waldroop.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. E. P. Davenport and the Rev. J. W. Shook, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Palbearers were Lester Huscussion, Thad Guffey, Carl Anderson, Monroe Lewis, William Guffey, and J. D. Dills. Arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

### Baptist Pastors Plan Reorganization Meet

A reorganization meeting of the Macon County Baptist Pastors conference will be held at the First Baptist church here Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, it was announced this week. The present officers of the conference are the Rev. W. L. Sorrells, moderator, the Rev. Edgar Willis, secretary, and the Rev. Arvil Swafford, program chairman.

### CARL SNAVELY, U. N. C. COACH, TO SPEAK HERE

Will Be Guest As Rotary Fetes Football Squad At Dinner Jan. 25

Carl G. Snavely, head football coach at the University of North Carolina and nationally known in sports circles, will be the guest speaker at a banquet the Franklin Rotary club will give members of the 1949 Franklin High school football squad at the Slagle Memorial building the evening of January 25, it was announced at Wednesday night's Rotary meeting.

In addition to the approximately 25 local football players, the club also will have as its guests at the dinner the boys' fathers, the coaches of members of the Smoky Mountain conference, the principal and coach at the Franklin school, and three former Franklin coaches.

Dinner tickets, at \$2 each, will be available to University of North Carolina alumni and the general public.

Since Coach Snavely plans to show some football film, and room is required for that purpose, however, the attendance will be limited to 180.

Preference, in the sale of tickets, will be given to U. N. C. alumni, and it is planned to organize a local alumni association after the banquet. After alumni have been provided for, about 50 tickets are expected to be available to the general public.

Coach Snavely is expected to be accompanied by one or more of his assistant coaches, and by Fred Huffman, Morganton, representative in Western North Carolina of the Educational Foundation, who probably will call the alumni meeting, to follow the banquet, to order.

Letters are being sent to known Macon County alumni of the University, but any who do not receive letters are asked to communicate with Dr. Edgar Angel by not later than January 10.

One feature of the dinner will be the presentation by Franklin's Coach Milburn Atkins of football letters to members of the Franklin squad.

The program is being arranged by a Rotary committee made up of Norman Blaine and John M. Archer, Jr.

### This Week's Issue Of Press To Reach Readers Saturday

As was announced last week, this week's issue of The Press is published on Friday instead of Wednesday.

The date of issue was changed for this week so as to make possible a week's vacation during the Christmas season for the paper's employees.

This week's issue, dated December 31, is being placed in the Franklin post office Friday night, and should reach most Macon County subscribers Saturday morning.

The usual schedule, under which subscribers here receive their papers on Thursday morning, will be resumed next week.

## Program Announced For Children's Symphony Concert Here In Spring

The program for the children's concert of the N. C. Little Symphony orchestra here next spring was announced this week by W. N. Sloan, N. C. Symphony Society county chairman.

In order to assure the maximum listening pleasure for the Macon County school children who attend this free concert, it is important that the children be familiar with the compositions before they go to the performance. Symphony officials emphasize. With that in view, the recordings of the numbers to be played was announced along with the program, so that teachers can arrange for the children to hear these pieces repeatedly prior to the concert. "Children need to hear the same recording over and over again,

### WILL SPEAK HERE



SEN. FRANK P. GRAHAM

### Plan Retail Merchants Association

A movement has been started here to organize a retail merchants association, and an organization meeting has been tentatively set for the evening of January 10.

Representatives of the Bryson City and Sylva merchants association have been invited to be present and to outline the way their organizations work, and the exact date of the merchants' meeting here will not be fixed pending receipt of replies.

Many merchants in Franklin and this section of Macon County long have felt the need of an association of retailers, and a group of business men met recently to discuss the project. At that gathering, it was decided to postpone organization until representatives from other associations could be present.

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### Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

3 p. m.—Franklin Junior Music club at home of Nancy Siler.

8 p. m.—Square dance (American Legion benefit) at Slagle Memorial building.

8:30 p. m.—Dance (Lions club benefit), roof garden, Skyway hotel.

#### MONDAY

10:30 a. m.—Macon County Baptist Pastors conference at First Baptist church.

7 p. m.—Franklin Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts, at Memorial building.

7:30 p. m.—Franklin board of aldermen at town office.

#### TUESDAY

10 a. m.—Board of county commissioners at courthouse.

10 a. m.—County board of education at courthouse.

7:30 p. m.—Junaluskee Lodge No. 145, A. F. and A. M., at Masonic hall.

#### WEDNESDAY

7 p. m.—Franklin Rotary club at Memorial building.

7:30 p. m.—Signal Tel. and Tel. Operation Company No. 3547 at Agricultural building.

## Senator Graham To Speak At Meeting Here Jan. 18

### 1949 BUSINESS HERE UP TO '48

### Upsurge At Christmas Pushes Up Retail Sales Volume

General business conditions were better in Franklin during 1949 than in the nation as a whole, retail sales here indicate.

A brief survey yesterday of representative business houses on Main street here showed that most merchants had as good a year in 1949 as in 1948, though the national average of business is reported to be down slightly from the 1948 gross.

Several merchants commented on the fact that actually their sales had increased this year, since a decline in prices made it necessary for them to do more business to obtain the same dollar volume as last year.

On the whole, drygoods merchants and food stores seemed to have the best year as a group, while furniture stores and electric appliance dealers had a slight drop in total sales. Hardware dealers and variety stores reported conditions practically the same as last year.

Several merchants said that a late upsurge in Christmas buying was what brought their business up to or above last year's level. Christmas shopping, however, was spotty here, as some merchants reported that this year's December total sales were far below last year's level.

### Mrs. Mary Henry Dies At Highlands At Age Of 75

Mrs. Mary Henry, widow of Joe Henry, died at her home in Highlands Thursday night at 9:30 o'clock, following an illness of three months. She was 75 years of age.

The daughter of Dan Gibson and Mrs. Eunice Justice Gibson, she was born August 30, 1874.

She was married when she was 16, and is survived by seven sons, Claude, James, Spear, Dan, Sam, and Wallace Henry, all of Highlands; two daughters, Mrs. George Wilson and Mrs. J. W. Beck, both of Highlands; one sister, Mrs. Anna Teague, of Murphy; three brothers, Leach Gibson, of Murphy, Frank Gibson, of Clayton, Ga., and Noah Gibson, of Franklin, Route 4; and 36 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and burial was in the Highlands cemetery. The Rev. Floyd Dendy officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

### Parrish Reports To Air Force Base In Texas

Pvt. Robert M. Parrish, 18, of Franklin, Route 3, who recently enlisted in the army air force, has reported to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, for air force basic indoctrination course, according to an army announcement received here. Pvt. Parrish is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Parrish.

### Price Of Gas To Go Up One Cent On Sunday

Macon County automobile and truck operators will pay one cent more per gallon for gasoline, starting Sunday morning.

The increase is state tax. The last general assembly increased the gasoline tax from six to seven cents per gallon, effective January 1, the revenue raised to be used in paying off the \$200,000,000 secondary road bonds voted last spring. The one-cent additional tax is expected to raise more than \$7,000,000 a year.

Gasoline in Franklin is now retailing for 28.6 cents, and 30.6 cents for high test. Starting Sunday morning, it will be 29.6 and 31.6.

### Await Reply On County's School Bonds

The Macon County board of commissioners and board of education will meet in joint session Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time a reply is expected to be on hand from New York bond attorneys as to the validity of the \$400,000 school building bond issue authorized by voters of this county four years ago.

County Attorney R. S. Jones and County Supt. Guy L. Houk went to New York last week to present to the bond attorneys an advisory opinion from North Carolina's attorney general, Harry McMullan, to the effect that the bond issue is valid. The New York attorneys previously had indicated that, because a technicality, they would not approve the bonds.

On their return, Mr. Jones and Mr. Houk said the New York lawyers appeared impressed by Mr. McMullan's letter, but said they wished to study the matter carefully before giving a final decision. They promised Mr. Jones to get an answer to him in writing in time for Tuesday's meeting.

### Macon 81st In Motor Vehicles; Total Is 2,525

Macon stands 81st among North Carolina counties in number of motor vehicles, figures compiled by the North Carolina Motor Vehicle bureau show.

During the first nine months of 1949, this county had a total of 2,525 motor vehicles registered.

The totals for other counties in this area: Jackson, 2,822; Cherokee, 2,398; Swain, 1,157; Graham, 958; and Clay, 644. Clay, the smallest county in the state in area, also has the smallest number of vehicle registered.

The 18 North Carolina counties with fewer motor vehicles than Macon are Cherokee, Swain, Graham, Clay, Alleghany, Avery, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hoke, Hyde, Jones, Mitchell, Pamlico, Polk, Tyrrell, and Yancey.

### Stores And Offices To Close Monday As New Year's Holiday

Since New Year's day this year falls on Sunday, most public offices and business establishments here will observe Monday as a holiday. The post office, the Bank of Franklin, and public offices, except for the sheriff's office, will be closed all day.

The board of county commissioners and the county board of education will meet at 10 a. m. Tuesday, instead of Monday. The Franklin board of aldermen, however, which meets at 7:30 the first Monday night in each month, will meet Monday night as usual.

**PLAN PRAYER SERVICE**  
A prayer service will be held at the Franklin Presbyterian church this (Saturday) evening, from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock.

### Noted Tar Heal Coming To Annual Dinner Of C. Of C.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, this state's junior U. S. senator and former president of the University of North Carolina, will address a dinner meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce the evening of January 18, it was announced this week.

This will be the first public appearance in Franklin of Senator Graham, who probably is the most widely known living North Carolinian.

During his administration, the University won recognition as one of the leading educational institutions in the nation. Dr. Graham became nationally known during the war, when the late President Roosevelt repeatedly called on him to serve on important boards and commissions. And he sprang into world prominence when he was sent, about a year ago, to Indonesia on a peace mission.

The invitation to be the guest speaker at the chamber's annual banquet was extended to Senator Graham early this month, but he was unable to say whether he could be here until the latter part of last week, when an acceptance was received.

A meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce was called by President Frank B. Duncan Wednesday, after which he announced that Senator Graham will be the speaker, and that the dinner meeting will be held at the Slagle Memorial building at 7 p. m. January 18.

Since the maximum seating capacity of the Memorial building is 200, it was decided to give preference to chamber of commerce members and their guests. While it is hoped that some dinner tickets will be available to non-members, tickets will not go on sale to the general public until members of the organization have had an opportunity to reserve seats for themselves, their wives, and such guests as they may wish to take.

Since the meeting falls on a Wednesday, a regular Rotary club meeting night, the Rotary club has been invited to meet jointly with the chamber of commerce, and Rotarians also will be given an opportunity to obtain tickets for themselves, their wives, and their guests.

Letters, inclosing return postals, will go out to chamber members early next week, and they are asked to make their reservations by mail promptly, and to obtain their dinner tickets as soon as possible. The tickets will be available at Angel's Drug store.

If any tickets remain unpurchased at noon on January 15, they then will go on sale at the drug store to the general public. The dinner tickets will be \$1.50. Only 200 tickets are being printed.

While Senator Graham's address will be the major feature of the program, the meeting also will be marked by the election of directors for 1950 and a report on 1949 accomplishments.

Senator Graham, who will speak in Raleigh on January 17, will fly to Asheville the following morning, where he will be met by chamber of commerce representatives and brought to Franklin by automobile. He is expected to be here overnight, and Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Angel have invited him to be their guest while here. Mrs. Graham

### The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Thursday	56	49	.15
Friday	39	28	1.05
Saturday	49	12	....
Sunday	51	24	....
Monday	55	45	1.13
Tuesday	66	46	.45
Wednesday	61	30	....
Thursday	61	21	....
Friday	....	22	....

**FRANKLIN RAINFALL**  
(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA)

Thursday, .06 of an inch; Friday, .84; Saturday, none; Sunday, none; Monday, .35; Tuesday, .31; Wednesday, .02; Thursday, none; Friday, none.