

### County May Sell Lot To Light Firm

#### Nantaha Concern Seeks To Buy Site For Big Office Building

Members of the board of county commissioners have under consideration selling the county's West Main street lot to the Nantaha Power and Light company as the site for that firm's proposed new home, it was learned yesterday.

The lot, which runs from Main to Church street and contains nearly two acres, was bought by the county 13 years ago as the site for a new courthouse.

The power company, it was learned, has found the East Main street lot it bought some months ago from Mrs. Logan Allen unsuitable for its purposes, and for sometime has been looking, without success, for another lot. Officials of the company have approached the commissioners with the proposal that the county sell its lot to the power firm.

A number of leading citizens, W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the board of commissioners, said yesterday, have pointed out that it may be many years before the county will be in financial position to build a new courthouse. Meanwhile, its lot will remain vacant, and will yield no taxes.

On the other hand, the power company has told the commissioners that it proposes to build a \$200,000 building, if it can find a suitable lot in Franklin. By selling the lot, a number of persons have argued, the county would get it on the tax books, and also would receive taxes on the new building.

The property, generally known as the Rogers lot, has a frontage of 135 feet on West Main street. Except for a plot 30 x 46, on which the Telephone building stands, it contains two acres. It is the lot which the Franklin Garden club has beautified this summer.

It was bought by the county December 21, 1937, from J. C. Conley and R. B. Slaughter. The purchase price was \$6,000.

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

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
Capt. W. A. Enloe spent last night in town on his way to Mr. Elam Slagle's to enjoy the cooling breezes of the Nantaha mountains.

Those fellows who loiter along the sidewalks and on the street corners and whistle sticks and tell smutty yarns and smoke cigarettes and borrow matches and do nothing are worthless to a community.

The Press is under obligation to Mr. B. M. Allen, of Ellijay, for a fine head of cabbage. It weighed 7½ lbs., and helps to soothe our sorrows on the heels of the election.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
The athletic program scheduled for Saturday night, August 11th, promises to be the best ever offered the fans in this section of the country, and equal to any held in any of our Southern cities, and if Kay-O Crosby of Philadelphia, who appeared here four weeks ago in a scheduled ten-round bout against Larry Avera, is taken as an average of the Eastern boxers, then we can take in a little more territory, as it took Avera just six rounds to knock him into the regions where there is nothing but the twittering of the birds to be heard, and the sparkling of the stars.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Sam Gibson, Jr., Roy Fouts, and Max Parrish, members of the Franklin Future Farmers of America, left here for the New York World's Fair. They were accompanied by their agricultural teacher, E. J. Whitmire.

A large rattlesnake measuring 52 inches with nine rattlers and a button on the end of its tail was brought into town Monday afternoon by Frank Raby of the Watauga community. Mr. Raby killed the snake with a stick, on a trail in the Kyle section, about 15 miles from Franklin.

### Enlistments In Army Hit Peacetime High In Macon

Macon County enlistments in the U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force reached an all-time peacetime high in the month of July, according to Sgt. 1 cl. David R. Calhoun, Jr., army recruiter for Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties.

Out of the three counties, 18 men enlisted, nine of them from Macon County.

Those enlisting in the Air Force were: Turner H. Blaine, 18, of Franklin, Route 1; Clinton E. Cafnpbell, 18, Franklin, Route 3; Bobby L. Potts, 17, Franklin. All three of the men are based at Lackland Air Force base, in San Antonio, Texas, undergoing a 13-week basic training period.

Enlisting in the army were: R. L. Beal, 17, Highlands; Billy G. Waller, 20, Highlands; Ray L. Jackson, 17, Franklin, Route 3; Clifford A. Fox, 19, Gneiss; Raymond B. Caldwell, 19, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; and J. C. Britton, 21, Franklin, Route 3.

Britton, a veteran of three years in the army, reenlisted in the Regular Army, and is awaiting new assignment. The other men are receiving a 14-week basic training course at Fort Knox, Ky.

### DEATH CLAIMS BOB SHEFFIELD

#### Farmer Of West's Mill Dies At 77; Rites Held Monday

Funeral services for William Coleman (Bob) Sheffield, 77, who died at his home in the West's Mill community Sunday afternoon, following an illness of several months, were held Monday at 3 p. m., at the Snow Hill Methodist church.

The Rev. D. B. Martin, the Rev. William L. Sorrells, and the Rev. C. C. Welch officiated. A farmer and lumberman, Mr. Sheffield was born in the Cowee community March 23, 1873, the son of the late Jesse W. and Mrs. Elizabeth Shepherd Sheffield. He was a life-long resident of the county and a member of the Cowee Baptist church, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Mr. Sheffield was married twice, first to Miss Emily Jenkins in 1896, and to Miss Nola E. Shepherd July 27, 1939. The first Mrs. Sheffield died June 15, 1934.

Surviving are his widow and the following children: W. T. Sheffield, of Briston, Va.; R. C. Sheffield, of Waynesville, Weaver, Vernon, and Harold Sheffield, of Canton, L. J., and Edward Sheffield, of Detroit, Mich.; Grover B. and James W. Sheffield, of West's Mill, Mrs. E. B. Rickman and Mrs. High Cathey, of Canton, Mrs. H. G. Reno, Mrs. R. T. Bryson, and Mrs. B. T. Wilson, of Detroit, and the Misses Bobbie Jo and Edith Ann Sheffield, of the home. A number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive.

Pallbearers were nephews. Honorary pallbearers were: E. O. Rickman, Fred McGaha, R. R. Rickman, Lon Dalton, R. T. Bryson, J. B. Pendergrass, A. B. Slagle, Clyde West, T. M. Rickman, and D. L. Clark.

Burial was in the church cemetery, with Bryant funeral home in charge of arrangements.

**V. F. W. Auxiliary Elect Officers Monday**  
The recently formed Women's auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at 8 o'clock Monday night at the Moose hall to elect officers. The wife, mother, or sister of any serviceman who served overseas is eligible for membership. It was explained, and Mrs. James McCollum, acting president of the Auxiliary, said every member should be present for this important meeting, and urged each to bring a new member.

### TAKEN BY DEATH



### MRS. Mysel CRAWFORD DIES, AGED 78

#### Rites For Well Known Macon Woman Held Here Sunday

Mrs. Mysel Quisenberry Crawford, affectionately known to many friends as "Aunt Mysel", died at a Franklin hospital at 3 o'clock last Sunday afternoon, following a short illness. She was 78.

Mrs. Crawford was well known not only in Macon County, but had friends in many states, having made them during the 22 years she served as assistant manager of Kelly's inn and tea room.

Though she was a person of strong convictions, inclined to be outspoken in her views, friends said of her that her frankness rarely gave offense, because it was so evident that she loved people, whom she found a source of never-failing interest.

A native of Greene county, Tennessee, she had lived in Macon County since her marriage in 1895 to the late Lon F. Crawford. She was a member of the First Baptist church here and of the Nequassa chapter of the Eastern Star, and formerly was active in the church, civic, and social affairs of the Cartoogechaye community.

Survivors include five sons, Lonnie C. Crawford, of Eugene, Ore.; Laddie and Eugene, of Franklin, Route 1, George, of Old Fort, and Elmer, of Winston-Salem; a daughter, Miss Una Crawford, of Albuquerque, N. M.; a sister, Mrs. Blanche Kiker, of Dennison, Tenn.; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church Sunday at 3 p. m., with the Rev. M. W. Chapman officiating, and burial was in Mount Zion church cemetery.

Pallbearers were William Waldroop, Harold Enloe, Carl S. Slagle, Herman Childers, William Crawford, and Larry Weaver. Past matrons of the Eastern Star chapter were flowerbearers. Arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

**LYLE JONES IMPROVING**  
G. Lyle Jones, who has long been ill at his home in Asheville, is improving, and is now able to be up for short periods, relatives here learned this week. Mr. Jones, an attorney, is a native of Franklin, and practiced law here before moving to Asheville.

**DRUNK DRIVING TOPS LIST**  
Drunken driving again topped the list of violations resulting in revocation or suspension of driver's licenses during July, according to an announcement of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles received here.

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### RESUME BUYING OF PULP WOOD IN THIS AREA

#### Mead Firm To Purchase All Hauled To Yard In Franklin

The Mead corporation, which stopped buying pulp wood in February, 1949, has announced that it is resuming activity and will purchase, until further notice, chestnut, pine, and other pulp wood, five days a week at the Franklin yard.

The present price on chestnut delivered to the yard is \$9 per cord of 128 cubic feet, subject to inspection and measurement at the time of delivery.

Paul Gates, Kingsport, Tenn., field representative for the Mead corporation, said that the price is about 20 cents lower than the 1949 price, but that there will actually be a savings to those selling wood, since they haul the wood to the Franklin yard instead of to Sylva as in the past.

"At the present time," Mr. Gates said, "we will be able to handle all wood that is hauled in."

### Will Unveil Clay Marker Friday At 2

The historical marker showing the site of the Macon County clay pit from which Josiah Wedgwood, famous English pottery and china-ware maker, in 1767, obtained clay for his china will be unveiled in a special dedication ceremony tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The ceremony will be held at the site of the marker, at the intersection of N. C. 28 and Cowee road, about 10 miles from Franklin.

Hensleigh Wedgwood, fifth generation descendant of the English potter, will be a special guest at the ceremony, and will unveil the marker.

Presiding over the exercises will be Dr. Christopher Crittenden, executive secretary of the North Carolina Archives and History, Raleigh. The invocation will be the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, and William S. Powell, research associate of the N. C. Archives and History, will speak on North Carolina's marker program.

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### Flower Show Will Be Held Saturday At Ag. Building

The Franklin Garden club's annual flower show will be held Saturday at the Agricultural building. The hours are 2 to 10 p. m.

While the show is sponsored by the Garden Club, Mrs. Allan Brooks, club president, emphasized that every flower grower in the county is invited to enter exhibits. All exhibits must be in by 10 o'clock Saturday morning, and must be classified, marked by card or tag, and be ready for judging by noon.

No charge will be made for admission to the show.

### Band Uniform Fund Stands Now At 972

The Rotary-sponsored campaign for funds to uniform the Franklin school band yesterday had raised a total of \$972 in contributions, or nearly half of the \$2,000 required.

Meanwhile F. O. Brooks, the representative of the Floding company, Atlanta, the firm that will make the uniforms, said it would be possible to turn them out in time for the first football game of the season—September 15. Mr. Brooks was here last week to measure the band members for uniforms.

The three-piece suits will be of scarlet serge, and will be made up of trousers (for both boys and girls) with white stripe down the outer edge, Eisenhower jacket, and overseas cap.

Contributions may be mailed or brought to The Press office. While a number of the donors are giving \$40—the price of one uniform—S. W. Mendenhall, chairman of the Rotary committee in charge, said contribution of any amount will be welcomed.

Firms and individuals who have made contributions during the past week include W. Roy Carpenter, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., Mrs. Paul Russell, A. G. Cagle, W. N. Sloan, L. H. Page, Macon County Supply company, Henderson Ca'loway, Roy F. Cunningham, Dr. F. M. Killian, D. A. Stewart, E. J. Whitmire, Jr., and Macon Construction company.

### S. R. Stiles Is Claimed By Death At Hospital Here

Funeral services for Samuel Ralph Stiles, 48, farmer of the Riverside section, who died Sunday at a Franklin hospital, following an illness of one month, were held Monday at 11 a. m. at the Coweeta Baptist church.

The Rev. M. W. Chapman officiated. Burial was in the Rush cemetery.

Mr. Stiles, a life-long resident of Macon County, was the son of Mrs. Emma Winstead Stiles and of the late Cebra Stiles.

Surviving are his mother; two brothers, Manson L. Stiles, of Franklin, and Frank Stiles of Franklin, Route 2; and three nieces and one nephew.

Pallbearers were Alec Holbrook, Johnny Garrison, James R. Gray, Frank L. Crisp, Lawrence Penland, and R. L. Hogle.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Miss Barbara M. Stockton is one of those who passed the N. C. bar examination in Raleigh last week, the State Board of Law Examiners has announced. Miss Stockton, who recently was graduated from the University of North Carolina law school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stockton, of Franklin. At present she is in Eastern North Carolina on vacation.

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### Will Start Work Soon On 4 Schools

#### County Has 90 Per Cent School Attendance

The average daily attendance in Macon County schools last year was 90 per cent, figures compiled in the office of County Supt. Guy L. Houk show.

This compares with an average of 87 per cent for the year 1948-49.

In making the comparative figures public, Mr. Houk pointed out that last year the weather was favorable and that this county suffered from major epidemics, while the previous year attendance was reduced by epidemics of measles and mumps.

This county's schools had an enrollment last year of 4,103, of which total 3,451 was elementary, and 662 high school. This compares with an enrollment the previous year of 3,371 in the elementary schools, and 664 in the high schools, or a total of 4,035. Last year's enrollment gain was: Elementary, 70; high school, 18; total, 88.

The average daily attendance increase last year over the previous year was: Elementary, 146; high school, 51; total, 197.

The percentages of membership in daily attendance in 1949-50 were: Elementary, 89; high school, 94; total, 90.

### FOOTBALL WILL START SEPT. 15

#### Franklin High Gridiron Schedule For Year Is Announced

The official unveiling of the 1950 Franklin High school football team will be September 15, when the Panthers will meet Andrews in the local stadium.

Football practice is scheduled to get under way August 15, at the school, and all boys interested in going out for the gridiron game should meet at the school on that date at 2 p. m., it was announced.

Following is the tentative schedule made public by Principal R. G. Sutton.

- Sept. 15—Andrews—here.
- Sept. 22—Hayesville—there.
- Sept. 29—Murphy—there.
- Oct. 6—Open.
- Oct. 13—Sylva—there.
- Oct. 20—Robbinsville—there.
- Oct. 27—Lavonia—here.
- Nov. 3—Open.
- Nov. 10—Open.
- Nov. 17—Bryson City—here.
- Nov. 30—Clayton, Ga.—here.

### Town To Give Garbage Service Outside Limits, For Fee

Residents living within a one-fourth mile radius outside the Franklin town limits can now have town garbage collection, with restrictions, by paying a charge of \$25, under a resolution adopted by the Franklin board of aldermen at the board's monthly meeting Monday night.

The \$25 fee will entitle residents to a year of garbage collection, but the same fee will be charged to seasonal residents who spend only two or three months out of the year here. Garbage pickup will be limited to once a week, and the resolution requires that garbage be placed in approved containers to facilitate easy removal.

Reid Womack appeared before the board to ask the town to give him aid in stopping water from flooding his property on the Georgia road during rains. The board postponed any decision on the matter until the issue could be discussed with the State Highway commission, since the Womack property adjoins a state highway.

The board voted to hold its next meeting Tuesday, September 5, instead of September 4, since September 4, the regular meeting date, is Labor day.

### Charles Fulton Passes State Bar Examination

The State Board of Law Examiners has announced that Charles L. Fulton, of Franklin, passed the recent written state bar examination. Mr. Fulton is the grandson of John Fulton.

### Contracts On Modified Plans To Be Signed This Week

Contracts for the construction of the Franklin high, East Franklin elementary, Highlands, and Nantaha schools will be executed this week, and work is to be under way within 10 days from the date of the contracts, County Supt. Guy L. Houk announced Tuesday.

The announcement followed action of the county board of education Monday in authorizing C. Gordon Moore, the board chairman, and Mr. Houk, its secretary, to execute contracts for construction under revised specifications. The revisions bring the total cost for the four buildings down to \$608,230. The board action was taken in motion of Bob Sloan, seconded by Frank Browning, and was unanimous.

The board of education also set Thursday, September 7, as the date for the opening of this county's schools and ordered a part of the tract brought for the Highlands school site subdivided and advertised for sale.

The Highlands tract, bought from Porter Pierson in 1946, contains approximately 17 acres, and between seven and 10 acres, since it is on a hillside, is unusable for school purposes, it was said. It would be usable, it was pointed out, for summer homesites. The property is situated at the intersection of Fifth street and Pierson drive.

Bob Sloan, in moving that this action be taken, remarked that the land to be sold is neither needed nor suitable for school purposes, and that "we need all the money we can get" for school buildings. The motion seconded by Frank Browning.

The original bids on the four schools totaled \$629,950. The architect's fee of six per cent would have brought the total cost to approximately \$668,000, or nearly \$70,000 more than the amount that had been allotted for these four schools.

When the bids were opened July 14, the board voted to accept the low bids, subject to modification, and since that time changes have been made in the specifications that will

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### 4-H Judging Team From Macon Show Up Well In Meet

The Macon County 4-H club judging team, which competed against 26 other judging teams from all over the state at the 25th annual 4-H Club Week in Raleigh, July 24-28, placed 17th in the field.

"The team showed up well," T. H. Fagg, assistant county agent, who accompanied the group, said, "considering that it was the first time we have ever entered a judging team in competition."

Leroy Peek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beulon Peek, Franklin, Route 4, placed ninth in a field of 101 contestants in the individual judging contest.

Other members of the team were Bert Crawford, Pete Setser, and Jerry Sutton.

### SMARTS TO MEET

The annual Smart family reunion will be held August 13 at the home of Miss Ada Smart. Relatives are invited to come and bring a picnic lunch.

**PLAN BENEFIT BINGO**  
A benefit Bingo party will be held at the Otto school tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock, sponsored by the Otto Parent-Teacher association.

### The Weather

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

	Max.	Min.	Pet.
Wednesday	85	58	00
Thursday	81	65	00
Friday	79	50	00
Saturday	74	54	00
Sunday	80	45	12
Monday	81	43	00
Tuesday	80	47	00
Wednesday	80	48	00

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Macon Sales for TVA)  
Wednesday, none; Thursday, .02 of an inch; Friday, none; Saturday, none; Sunday, none; Monday, none; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, none.