

## \$110 MACON'S CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM GOAL

### Mayor Dillard Will Head Drive; Requests Cooperation

Mayor Robert M. Dillard announced this week that he has accepted the chairmanship of the local 1951 Crusade for Freedom drive and he called for the whole-hearted support of everyone in putting Macon County over the top of its \$110 goal.

Radio Free Europe, combating Russia's propaganda machine by beaming the truth through the "iron curtain", is a direct result of the 1950 Crusade campaign.

Outlining the objectives of this year's campaign, Mayor Dillard pointed out that more powerful freedom stations are badly needed to counteract the distortions spread by the Soviet-directed propaganda machine and said that it is hoped the campaign will provide at least two more powerful transmitters for Radio Free Europe and establish a freedom-station in Asia to stop the spread of Communism in the Far East.

Since truth is the deadliest enemy of Communism, he said the slogan for this year's campaign is "Help Truth Fight Communism—Join the Crusade For Freedom."

"The lesson in Korea," the mayor pointed out, "should prove to us all that now is the time to stop the spread of Communism. This campaign will give everyone in Macon County an opportunity to strike a blow for the truth and the ultimate liberation of enslaved peoples under the iron fist of Communist tyranny."

General Lucius D. Clay, national chairman of the crusade, set this year's nation-wide goal at 25 million members and \$3,500,000 in contributions.

Contributions will be collected locally through the use of transparent coin banks in the shape of freedom bells, the mayor said. The banks will be placed in business establishments as soon as they arrive.

## MACON NATIVE DIES OF MISHAP

### Sergeant E. J. Robinson Given Military Funeral

S. Sgt. E. J. Robinson, 39, a native of Macon County who had served in the regular army since he was 17 years old, was killed in an automobile accident in Pennsylvania Thursday of last week.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Robinson, Sgt. Robinson was a brother of G. M. Robinson, Mrs. Boise Hall, Mrs. Cecil Crawford, and Mrs. A. G. Kinsland, of this county.

At the time the accident occurred, Sgt. Robinson was on his way from his station at Indian Head, Penna., to his home in Trenton, N. J., to visit his wife and two sons. Five other soldiers, also on their way to visit their families, were in the car. While details of the accident have not been received here, it was learned that the one other occupant of the car was killed, and the other four injured.

The body was sent to Marietta, Ga., where Sgt. Robinson was given a military funeral Tuesday. He was buried in the national cemetery there. His brother and four sisters here were among relatives present for the rites.

Sgt. Robinson, who had served in France and Germany during World War 2, and had seen service in Japan and Korea, was brought back to the States shortly before the outbreak of war in Korea a year ago.

Survivors, in addition to his kin here, include his widow; two sons, Ronny and Harry; six other brothers, G. M., J. P., L. H., E. L., and Everett Robinson, all of Canton, L. C. of Wilkes-Barre, Penna., and George M., of Harrisburg, Penna.; and another sister, Mrs. Arthur Ensley, of Clyde.

## OUT FOR CONGRESS



J. RICHARD QUEEN

Mr. Queen, of Waynesville, is the first candidate to announce for the Democratic nomination for congress from this (the 12th) district. Rep. Monroe M. Redden some months ago said he would not run again. The Waynesville man, former secretary to Senators Broughton and Graham, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Queen, and is a nephew of John M. Queen, former solicitor of this district. Mr. Queen, a veteran of World War 2, formerly was a teacher. He is now staff director of the house sub-committee on mines and mining.

## Will Visit Farms Here August 15

August 15 has been set as the date for the annual Macon County farm tour, County Agent S. W. Mendenhall announced this week.

The tour is staged each year by the county agent to give farm men and women and interested persons an inside picture of agricultural progress within the county.

Last year's event attracted a record-breaking crowd estimated at 450, and more than 75 automobiles made up the motorcade as it wound through the county.

Features of interest this year, in addition to inspecting a number of outstanding farms in the county, will be a ditch blasting demonstration and a showing of Future Farmers of America and 4-H club beef and dairy calves, Mr. Mendenhall said.

The motorcade will get underway promptly at 9 a. m. Dinner will be served at the Iotia Baptist church by the women of the Iotia and Burnington home demonstration clubs.

The county agent said everyone is invited to go on the tour and said transportation would be furnished for those who do not own automobiles.

## Pages Find Union Of South Africa Informal And Friendly; Land Of Sports Fans, Movie Goers, Just 'Like The United States'

Darkest Africa isn't really "dark" at all, and life in general is pretty much as it is in the United States, as seen through the eyes of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Page, of Franklin, who just recently returned from a four-month sojourn in the Union of South Africa.

Cities there are up-to-date, very ultra-modern, the people are avid sports fans and movie goers, stores and shops sell Paris hats and American clothes, and an air of sincerity and friendliness surrounds newcomers to the land.

In fact, Mrs. Page said, "We didn't feel at all like strangers because it was just like the United States."

Mr. and Mrs. Page, who spent most of their time in the general vicinity of Johannesburg, the financial center of the union, said the one thing that left the greatest impression with them was the down-to-earth informality and friendliness of the people there.

## Average Draft Registrant Here Goes Through Eighth Grade, Survey Shows

The average Macon County draft registrant has completed the eighth grade.

Eleven per cent of the local board's total registration of 1,181 men have completed high school.

These facts are revealed by a survey of selective service records on file in the Macon County draft board office.

With a view to obtaining a cross-section of the educational picture, the records of 242 registrants were checked for educational qualifications.

Two groups were selected for study, those born in 1929 and those born in 1931. Those groups were chosen since men born in those years were well under draft age during World War II, but nevertheless were subject to forces, because of the war, which may have had decided effects on how much schooling they received. When these men were in their early teens, many

of their families moved every few months, from one job to another, during the war years, taking their children out of school with each move and in some instances failing to re-enroll them again, once at a new place.

And a number of those born in 1929 were approaching 15 years in age at the peak of the war, and many dropped out of school because of an urge to pull the wool over the eyes of recruiters and "get in uniform".

Records of 117 men born in 1929, 22-year-olds today, show that 13 per cent of them went through the eighth grade and stopped. Only 14 per cent completed high school, and two per cent of the 117 men have no education whatsoever. Nine per cent through the fifth grade.

Records of 125 men born in 1931, now 20-year-olds, show little change in educational standing from those born in 1929.

These 20-year-olds, on the average, went through the eighth grade before dropping out of school.

However, a higher percentage of these men, 15 per cent, actually completed high school, and five per cent have at least two years of college. Of the 125 men, 16 per cent went through the fifth grade, 11 per cent through the tenth grade, and only two per cent through the eleventh.

Whether a true picture has been painted by this survey is hard to determine. However, it is believed that the average educational level is higher now than it was during the last war. The local army and air force recruiter, Cpl. Clay Hensley, said recently that Macon County enlistees on the whole are making higher grades on army and air force entrance examinations than men in adjoining counties.

## Official Census For County And Towns Announced

The official 1950 census, made public last week by the U. S. Census bureau, shows that Macon County gained 1.9 per cent over the ten-year period with 16,174 persons. The county's population in 1940 was 15,800.

Franklin climbed the population ladder over the ten-year period, falling short of the 2,000 mark by 25 persons. The official figure for 1950 gives Franklin 1,975 persons as compared with 1,249 in 1940.

Highlands, on the other hand, slipped by some 54 persons since 1940. The 1950 census shows that the resort town has 515 living permanently within its limits. The '40 population was 569.

## Mayor Asks Cleanup Cooperation; Says Put Trash Out Front

While the town authorities are deeply interested in cleaning up, and are ready to cooperate fully with individuals in the clean-up campaign, residents are asked to be reasonable in their requests, Mayor Robert M. Dillard said this week.

Mr. Dillard explained that the town truck cannot go to the back of people's premises to pick up trash—that it must be placed on or near the sidewalk, where it will be picked up.

He added that, in a few instances, the town truck has been asked to haul brush off of what is virtually farming land, rather than town lots. The town cannot engage in farming operations, the mayor explained.

The Rev. Joe A. Bryson, of Columbus, Mo., will preach Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Sugarfork Baptist church, it has been announced.

## Red Cross Appeals For Flood Funds; Sets Quota At \$195

The local Red Cross chapter has been asked to raise a minimum of \$195 as Macon County's share of the special disaster fund for flood victims in the Mid-West, Mrs. J. Ward Long, secretary, said this week.

"Thousands of persons have been left homeless in the wake of the rampaging Mississippi river, at its highest flood level in 107 years.

"Our goal here is very small and we should have little trouble raising it and more if everyone will cooperate", Mrs. Long said. "If the shoe was on the other foot the rest of the country would be behind us, so this is our chance to show we are ready to give others a hand."

Persons wishing to contribute to the fund may leave donations at the local Red Cross office in the Bank of Franklin building.

## Bloodmobile Collects 22 Pints In Highlands

The American Red Cross bloodmobile, from the regional center in Asheville, collected 22 pints of blood in Highlands July 19, the local Red Cross office announced this week.

James O. Beal and W. H. Cobb were in charge of arrangements. Collection was made at the community hospital.

The bloodmobile is scheduled to make its third visit to Franklin August 28.

TO OBSERVE COMMUNION  
The Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, has announced that Holy Communion will be observed Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service.

He also announced a meeting of the board of stewards Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the church.

## Highlands To Get About \$4,000 For Streets

Highlands stands to receive approximately \$4,000 for street aid under provisions of the Powell municipal aid bill, according to Town Clerk V. W. McCall.

A survey of streets conducted by Ray Norton, on order of the mayor and town board, showed that an estimated 8.12 miles of streets within the town limits come under aid provisions, the clerk said.

Results of the survey were mailed to Raleigh July 25 for approval.

## DR. BLACKWELL TO SPEAK HERE

### Mars Hill President To Conduct Youth Revival Here

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Hill college, is to be guest speaker at the youth revival of the First Baptist church, August 12 through August 19, the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor, announced this week.

Dr. Blackwell's theme for the series will be, "The Light of the World is Jesus".

President of Mars Hill college since 1938, Dr. Blackwell received his A. B. degree at Wake Forest college, his master's degree at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, and his doctorate at Wake Forest. He joined the Mars Hill faculty in 1928, where he taught Bible and served as head of the department of religion until his appointment as president.

The following, Mr. Chapman said, are serving on the youth council:

Russell McKelvey, president, Audrey Hays, vice-president, Mary Ann Johnston, secretary, Roger Cole, song leader, Mrs. George Cook, adult advisor, Edith Plemmons, organist, and Ann Hays, pianist.

Committee chairmen are Patsy Hays, testimony, Mertis Angel, publicity, Bill Kinsland, usher, Beverly Higdon, social and entertainment, Betty Jean McCall, prayer meeting, Robbie Gay Talent, contact, Nancy Angel, music, Marilyn Hogsd, forum, and Frances McCall, finance.

## Early To Preach At Greensboro Church Sunday

The Rev. Robert E. Early, pastor of the Highlands Methodist church, has been invited to preach a home-coming sermon Sunday afternoon at the Rehobeth Methodist church in Greensboro.

Mr. Early is a former pastor of the Greensboro church and his appearance there will be in connection with a corner-stone laying ceremony for the new Rehobeth church there.

Mr. and Mrs. Early and their children, Eleanor and Dickie, plan to leave Saturday for Greensboro.

The Rev. George Ehhardt, president of Brevard college, will conduct the Sunday morning worship service at the Highlands church in Mr. Early's absence, it was announced.

## SPEAKS TONIGHT



DUANE STRAWBRIDGE

Mr. Strawbridge, program advisor for the southeastern division of the chamber of commerce, will address a meeting of the local chamber of commerce tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Agricultural building. He will discuss national problems currently confronting businessmen.

## NEW PRODUCE MARKET WILL OPEN FRIDAY

### Constructed By Georgia Agriculture Unit For Produce Growers

The new \$30,000 produce market building which has just been completed at Dillard, Ga., will be opened Friday, it was announced this week.

The modern brick structure was constructed by the Georgia Department of Agriculture. Principal speaker at the opening ceremony, which will begin at 2 p. m., will be Tom Linder, commissioner of agriculture for the state of Georgia.

Others taking part on the program will be William O'Neil, president of the Rabun County Farmers bureau, W. N. Corn, Rabun County farm agent and T. H. Fagg, Macon County assistant farm agent.

Other prominent figures in Southern agriculture who will be on hand for the occasion are Harry Brown, former United States assistant commissioner of agriculture, who is now serving as Dean of the vocational agricultural college at the University of Georgia, Paul Bechman, prominent southern produce farmer, and W. V. Ragsdale, horticulture specialist with the University of Georgia extension service.

The new produce market was erected on land which was purchased by contributions from produce growers in North Georgia and Western North Carolina. The building has more than 6,000 square feet of floor space and contains a manager's office, two merchants' sheds, in addition to the main warehouse room. Modern processing and packaging equipment for handling vegetables has been installed.

A railroad siding has been constructed to enable quantity shipments of produce.

Farmers throughout this area are urged to attend the opening Friday to acquaint themselves with the opportunities which this new market will open to the produce grower, and to receive an explanation as to how the market will be operated.

## Specialists To Meet With Wildlife Club

Two fish specialists from the N. C. Resources Wildlife commission will have the program at a meeting of the Macon County Wildlife club tomorrow (Friday), it was announced yesterday. The meeting is set for 8 p. m., and will be held at the Agricultural building.

## CLUB WILL MEET

The Franklin Garden club will meet Monday at the home of Mrs. Lester Conley on Harrison avenue to discuss plans for holding its annual flower show, it was announced this week.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Frank Higdon, Mrs. Roy Geoghegan, Mrs. W. W. Sloan, Mrs. George Cook, and Mrs. Conley.

## WATER SUPPLY SERIOUSLY LOW OFFICIALS SAY

### Tourist Rush, Broken Main Lower Town's Supply

A heavy drain on water because of the tourist rush, and a broken water main in East Franklin prompted town officials to take immediate steps this week to conserve Franklin's rapidly diminishing water supply.

Filling station operators were asked to stop car washing until further notice and Franklin residents were requested to cooperate with the conservation move by not watering lawns.

"The situation is serious," Charles O. Ramsey, town clerk, said, "and these measures are for the health and safety of everyone in Franklin."

In the event of fire, Mr. Ramsey said, firemen would be handicapped in fighting it because of low pressure.

The town's three storage tanks on Harrison avenue, which have a combined capacity of 300,000 gallons, yesterday (Wednesday) were approximately 90,000 gallons short of being full, the clerk said.

"If we build up a bad reputation by letting our water supply slip away from us, our insurance rates are going to go up," he warned.

Friday, a bulldozer crushed the main water line leading to East Franklin and a large amount of water was lost then, he said.

## MACONBAPTISTS TO OPEN 2-DAY MEET THURSDAY

### Association To Hold It's Forty-eighth Session Next Week

The forty-eighth annual session of the Macon County Baptist association—the largest church group in the county—will be held Thursday and Friday of next week (August 9 and 10) J. Horner Stockton, moderator, announced this week.

The opening session Thursday will be held at the First Baptist church and Friday the meeting will move to the Watauga Baptist church. This year's meeting marks the first time the session has met at two different meeting places, the moderator said.

The two-day meeting last year, held at the Sugarfork church, drew a record-breaking attendance estimated at more than 1,000.

Outlining the program, Mr. Stockton said, "We are looking for a representative delegation from all the churches in the county in the hopes that this year's meeting will be even better attended than last year's."

Thursday at 11:30 a. m. the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor of the Franklin church, will deliver the doctrinal sermon, and Friday morning at 11:15 o'clock a missionary sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. L. Sorrells.

During Thursday's session, which will begin at 10 a. m. and end at 4:45 p. m., the following reports are to be presented: Hospitals, the Rev. W. C. Pipes; orphanage, the Rev. Arvil Swafford; Christian literature, Mrs. Bob Bryson; ministerial relief, the Rev. W. N. Cook; finance, Mrs. Pearl Corbin; B.

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## The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	84	62	...
Thursday	87	60	.03
Friday	86	59	...
Saturday	82	60	.25
Sunday	84	60	.41
Monday	82	58	.94
Tuesday	82	64	...
Wednesday	...	65	...

Franklin Rainfall  
(As recorded by Manson Sikes for TVA)  
Wednesday, .47; Thursday, .03; Friday, trace; Saturday, none; Sunday, .56; Monday, .52; Tuesday, .07; Wednesday, none.