

3 ARE KILLED IN ACCIDENTS

2 Highlands Men Lose Lives in Wreck of Motorcycle

TRUCK OVERTURNS

Elbert Southards of Cartoogechaye, Is Killed

Three men, all residents of Macon county, are dead as the result of two motor accidents Sunday, one in Macon and the other in Jackson county.

C. L. Steele, of Highlands, was instantly killed, and Frank Neely, of Highlands, was fatally injured when the motorcycle on which they were riding left highway No. 25 on a curve, dropped down a 25-foot embankment and crashed against a tree on the banks of Tuckaseegee river in Jackson county. Neely died Monday morning in a Franklin hospital.

Truck Overturns
Elbert Southards, 21, of the Cartoogechaye section, was killed when the truck he was driving struck an embankment and overturned on highway No. 28, three and one-half miles west of Franklin.

An inquest was decided unnecessary. Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at Maiden's chapel with the Rev. J. C. Umberger officiating.

Motorcycle Wrecked
The motorcycle on which Steele and Neely were riding, was wrecked when a tire blew out, witnesses said. The machine plowed through a pile of stones before it plunged over the embankment. Witnesses said the machine was going at a rapid speed. The speedometer registered 70 miles an hour when the wreckage was picked up.

Steele is said to have been driving the motorcycle when the accident occurred.

Neely was in charge of the municipal power plant at Highlands.

CHILD WATCHING FIELD FIRE IS FATALLY BURNED

Little Lizzie Boston, age 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Boston, of Cartoogechaye, died early Thursday morning at Angel Brothers' hospital from burns received near her home Wednesday afternoon.

A broom-sage field was being burned off. It is reported that little Lizzie was alone in the field with her four-year-old brother and six-year-old sister when her clothing caught fire from the burning grass. Her small sister had presence of mind to try to remove the burning garments, suffering severe burns herself, but it was too late.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Swanson at Patton Methodist church at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The whole county joins the grief-stricken parents in their sorrow.

Lespedeza Seed To Be Delivered on Friday

F. S. Sloan, county farm agent, announces that lespedeza seed will be delivered Friday, March 4, at the Farmers' Supply company warehouse. Those who ordered less than four bushels are asked to bring sacks or other containers in which to put their seed.

PATTON IMPROVED

Mayor George B. Patton had recovered sufficiently Wednesday to be about town. He had been ill several days with influenza.

Chief Henry Urges Clean-Up Drive Now

Residents of Franklin should take advantage of the spring-like weather and their idle time to clean up their premises. Police Chief R. F. Henry said Wednesday.

"There's no use to wait until later to start cleaning up," the chief added. "We might as well do it now and when spring comes we'll already be cleaned up. Anyhow, it looks like spring is here."

Chief Henry urged everyone to rake up the winter's accumulation of trash. He said the town truck would collect the same when asked to call.

NEWS SUMMARY

A Survey of State and National Events Concisely Told in Brief Up-to-Date News Reports

Lindbergh Baby Kidnapped

No traces had been reported late Wednesday night of the kidnapers who abducted Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., 20-month-old son of Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh, from their home near Hopewell, N. J., Tuesday evening. The child was discovered missing at 10:30 p. m. by his nurse. In his crib a note was found demanding \$50,000 ransom. A nationwide search immediately was organized but the best detectives in the country had failed to discover any promising clues 24 hours after the baby's disappearance. The kidnapers were believed to have entered the nursery by climbing a ladder and entering an open window. Mrs. Lindbergh is fearful of the baby's health, as he had been under treatment for a cold for several days, and was clad only in his night clothes when abducted.

U. S. Navy In Pacific

Under Monday orders, 10 United States warships and a number of auxiliary craft will pass through the Panama canal to concentrate 202 fighting ships in the Pacific for combined maneuvers.

U. S. Offers Baby Bonds

"Baby bonds," of small denominations, bearing two per cent, redeemable in cash on 90 days notice, will be offered by the treasury to lure hoarded cash from its hiding places, the drive to open March 7.

Tar Heel Is Slain

Returning from a play rehearsal at Bristol, Tenn., Friday, Joe B. Graybill, Creston, N. C., was shot and killed by an assailant who leaped from a parked car, fired pointblank and then escaped.

Committee Downs Jones

By a vote of 10 to 7 the senate judiciary committee on Monday supported Senator Josiah W. Bailey in his fight against confirming Charles A. Jones as attorney in the western district of North Carolina. The senate as a whole will consider the appointment.

News Letter to Resume

After a month's suspension due to lack of funds, the News Letter, fact finding publication of the state university, has resumed publication, the printing department of state's prison to print it free.

Freed of Murder Charge

Lack of evidence caused Judge

H. Hoyle Sink, on Friday, to throw out of court the charge that Mrs. Mary Frisby murdered her husband, Erna Frisby, in Madison county in 1928.

N. C. Reconstruction Head
John Campbell, Charlotte banker, was announced Friday as the North Carolina manager for the Reconstruction Finance corporation and will be in charge of loans for this state.

State Sues Winston-Salem

In a test case affecting the other large cities of the state, John P. Stedman, state treasurer, has brought suit to force the city of Winston-Salem to pay the state tax of six cents per gallon on gasoline it buys for city uses.

Gragg is Nominated

President Hoover last week sent to the senate the nomination of Watt H. Gragg, Boone, as marshal of the middle N. C. district, Gragg having the endorsement of the G. O. P. state executive committee.

Dies of Bullet Wound

Everett Stroupe, Gaston county, died February 25, from a bullet wound he said was inflicted by three county officers chasing him for liquor running some weeks ago. Charges will be brought against the officers.

Recover Stolen Jewelry

More than \$15,000 in jewelry, admitted by William Pryor to have been taken by him and Wallace Scales in a holdup of Mrs. A. H. Galloway and three bridge companions in Winston-Salem last March, was recovered Friday from a New York shop where it had been pawned for \$1,800.

Huge Motor Tax in South

Gasoline and motor license taxes in southern states total \$139,000,000 per year, North Carolina collecting more than any other state and anticipating \$15,000,000 this year from tax on motorists.

Condemned Killer Insane

Under sentence for slaying six kinspeople at Aiken, S. C., George Jackson, 40, is declared insane in a report to Governor Ibra Blackwood by the head of the state hospital.

G. O. P. Convention April 14

Official call for the state Republican convention was issued Saturday by James S. Duncan, chairman of the executive committee, with 1,489 delegates to meet at Charlotte, April 14, at 10 a. m.

Rev. J. W. Shockley Holds Series of Meetings Here

Gospel preaching meetings being held throughout this week at the courthouse are being well attended, as are the children's meetings each afternoon at 3:30. The Rev. J. Watson Shockley, pastor of the First Christian church of Asheville is conducting the series of meetings, which started Monday and are to continue through Friday night. It is announced that the preaching is based on the true interpretation of the Gospel and all people are invited to come to hear Rev. Mr. Shockley and to join in the meetings.

At the "Sunbeam" meetings each afternoon the children are being trained in choral singing and are

taught the books of the Bible and the meaning of the Old and the New Testaments.

Mr. Shockley's sermon subject on Monday night was "The Mission of John the Baptist"; Tuesday, "Who is Jesus"; and Wednesday, "The Mission of Jesus." Thursday night the subject will be "The Church," and Friday, "The Mission of the Church." Emphasis is placed on the Deity of Jesus and the fact that He changed the Old Testament conception that God was a terrible and vengeful being and taught that God was a kind and loving Father. Much interest is being shown in Mr. Shockley's teaching and preaching.

4 More Liquor Outfits Raided by Macon Officers

Macon county officers, assisted by Jack Moore, cut down about 300 gallons of beer on Wednesday, March 24. They also got two outfits on Friday. The first was found in the Walnut Creek section and was in operation at the time. Two men escaped as the raiding party approached. The second still was located in the Salt Rock section on the head of Ellijay, where the officers confiscated the cap, destroyed vessels and about 250 gallons of beer.

On Monday night Sheriff Slagle

HASTEN BANK LIQUIDATION

Stockholders Must Meet Assessments, Board Orders

PUSH COLLECTIONS

Debtors Told To Pay or Judgments Will Be Taken

Two definite steps have been taken in the past week to expedite liquidation of the Bank of Franklin's old assets, according to Gilmer A. Jones, the bank's attorney.

Mr. Jones said he had been instructed by the board of directors to carry out an assessment on stockholders. The assessments, which was levied in December on instructions from the State Department of Banks, amounts to the par value of the stock. That is, a person holding ten shares of stock, valued at \$100 a share par, will be required to put up \$1,000. If the stockholder fails to meet the assessment, then his or her stock will be ordered sold and judgment will be taken to meet any deficiency.

The bank closed on December 16, 1930, and reopened on April 29, 1931. Since reopening it has been operating as a liquidation agency for the old assets and a clearing house for new deposits.

Besides ordering assessments against stockholders collected, the bank has taken action to enforce collection of unpaid notes. Copies of the following letter have been sent to all persons owing money to the bank:

"Dear Sir:
The Liquidating Committee, in going through the notes, has designated your note, endorsed by you to be reduced to judgment if not paid on or before the 8th of March. No further notice will be given. We trust that you will take such action as will relieve the Bank from taking judgment. The matter now rests in your hands."

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. CRAWFORD

Was Franklin's Oldest Woman; Funeral Held Sunday

Mrs. Virginia Anise Crawford, the oldest woman in Franklin if not in Macon county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank T. Smith, on Harrison avenue about noon last Saturday after an illness of three days.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Rev. O. P. Ader, pastor, officiating.

Among those who attended the funeral was "Uncle Johnny" Crawford, of Hayesville, a brother-in-law, who was 102 years old Christmas day. "Uncle Johnny" was the eldest of a family of 17 children and he is the only one still living. Despite the rather long trip for a man of his age, he appeared to be hale and hearty.

Coming with "Uncle Johnny" Crawford were two sons, Bob and Will Crawford, and Mr. and Mrs. Reid of Hayesville, the latter a granddaughter. Among other out-of-town relatives and friends at the funeral were Professor Wade H. Crawford and two sons, Weyman and Mims, of Wilson; Miss Virginia Smith, of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. Florence Hampton, of Bryson City; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis and daughter, Bessie, of Sylva; and Mrs. Frank Siler of Lake Junaluska.

Pallbearers were Theo S. Monday, Henry W. Cabe, George J. Johnston, Gilmer Crawford, Mims and Weyman Crawford, grandsons.

Mrs. Crawford, before her marriage, was Miss Virginia Butler, born in Granville county August 8, 1839. With her mother and a sister, Mrs. W. A. Curtis, she moved to this county when a child. She was married to Captain J. G. Crawford and they had eight children. Four of them survive, as follows: Henry Crawford, of Salem, Ore.; Prof. Wade H. Crawford, of Wilson; Mrs. Frank T. Smith, of Franklin; and Jim Crawford, of the state of Washington.

Mrs. Crawford joined the Methodist church in early life. She was a woman of fine Christian character and had scores of friends here and elsewhere.

Dr. Furman Angel Planning To Start Work in Spring On Addition to Hospital

Expert Urges Pure-Bred Chickens and Graded Eggs

Poultry and Livestock Specialists Speak In County

Recent meetings in various sections of the county under the Organized Farm Program have been assisted by C. F. Parrish, poultry extension specialist, and F. K. Farnham, dairy extension specialist, who gave informative talks and answered numbers of questions on local problems.

Urges Pure-bred Poultry
Mr. Parrish urged the raising of pure-bred poultry on each farm so that, in the near future, farmers would be in position to sell graded eggs instead of the mixed eggs now offered. He recommended that all feed possible be grown on each farm to avoid the necessity of buying special poultry feeds and mash.

Recommendations were given for the construction of an inexpensive brick or stone brooder house to be fired with wood. Detailed specifications of this brooder may be secured at the office of the county agent, Fred S. Sloan.

Farnham's Advice
Mr. Farnham's talks centered on three main points of diversified farming, the discussion of which brought out much valuable information. First, to improve present pastures according to recommendations of the county agent, which are based on actual results obtained in Macon county. The cheapest livestock production is obtained from grass; it was stated. Mr. Farnham's second recommendation was to grow at least one acre of legume hay, either lespedeza, soybean or clover, for each milk cow. This should be sufficient for 180 feeding days. Third, to increase crop production by soil improvement with legumes, lespedeza being especially stressed for this purpose. Mr. Farnham also urged that more cows be kept for cream production, the manure going back to the land. He emphasized the error of selling feed except through livestock.

EXPLAINS PLAN OF CROP LOANS

County Committee Must Act on Applications For Loans

County committees, now being formed as rapidly as possible, will be the authorities through which farmers who need funds should apply for crop production loans from the \$50,000,000 allocated for that purpose by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act, according to an announcement received from Henry S. Clarke, national director of the crop loan fund.

Mr. Clarke emphasized that loan applications must be approved by the local committee. It is understood that the local committees are to be appointed on nominations made by county farm demonstration agents.

If a loan application is satisfactory to the county committee, they forward it to the regional office where it is checked by the legal department and also by state representatives familiar with conditions in the region from which it comes. If approved by the federal office, checks will be mailed immediately for the initial installment of the loan. The right is reserved to make the loan in installments.

A communication from I. O. Schaub, director of the North Carolina agriculture extension service, explains that there will be a limit on loans to individual farmers of \$400, but he expressed the opinion that the average loan will not amount to more than \$75. He urged that it be remembered that these loans will not be gifts but must be repaid at the rate of 5-1-2 per cent interest secured by a crop mortgage. The crops must be grown according to the advice of the county agent.

Club members of McDowell county will plant 2,500 black walnut trees this winter.

Persons Starting Brush Fires Must Notify Warden

C. A. Waldrop, county game, fish and fire warden, requested this week that all persons burning over pastures add brush on their lands please to notify him beforehand. Mr. Waldrop said he had been receiving numerous reports of forest fires, which when traced down, turned out to be brush fires started by farmers and kept under control.

Mr. Waldrop and Don Young, district ranger for the Nantahala National Forest, urged that particular pains be exercised to keep brush fires from spreading. They pointed out that the law places definite responsibilities on persons starting brush fires.

The state fire laws require that a person setting fire to grass, brush or woods on his own lands first notify the nearest fire warden and also the owners of adjoining property. It also is required that a competent watchman must be kept on duty to see that the fire does not spread to other lands. Violations of these provisions is classed as a misdemeanor.

The law also states that before a campfire is built all inflammable material must be cleared away for a distance of 10 feet and anyone leaving a campfire burning is guilty of a misdemeanor. Throwing or placing cigarettes, cigar stumps, lighted matches or other burning materials where they might cause forest fires also is prohibited.

There have been a number of forest fires in the county during the past two weeks but few have been serious thus far.

New Wing To Double the Capacity of Institution

**PLANS OUTLINED
Tax Exemption Sought
On Basis of Charity
Activities**

Dr. Furman Angel announced this week that he is planning to start work this spring on an addition to Angel Brothers' hospital which will make it the largest hospital in Western North Carolina.

The hospital already has accommodations for 65-50 patients and 15 nurses. It is planned, Dr. Angel said, to build a new wing on the south to provide for 50 more patients. The nurses' home is to be moved to make way for the new building.

Wants Tax Exemption
Construction of the addition is dependent on one thing, Dr. Angel said. He explained that this condition was that the county and town authorities grant the hospital exemption from taxes. He pointed out that the institution handled many charity cases and that other similar institutions throughout the state were not required to pay taxes.

Angel Brothers' hospital has grown from a small institution with accommodations for only a few patients to its present size in six years. Dr. Angel first operated a hospital in the Grover Jamison residence on Palmer street. Later he erected the present hospital on the old Elias property and, besides operating a hospital, established an accredited nurses' school.

Staff Enlarged
Dr. Edgar Angel, who for the past year had been on the staff of the Lahey Clinic in Boston, returned to Franklin last week and will be associated with his brother, Dr. Furman Angel, as a specialist in the treatment of goiter and thyroid disorders.

Three other doctors are also on the staff: Dr. Cunningham, Dr. Killian and Dr. Williams.

'Uncle' Elbert Watson Passes 89th Milestone

"Uncle" Elbert Watson, father of Mrs. J. H. Fouts, celebrated his 89th birthday at his home in Glenville Tuesday with a birthday dinner. Among those attending were Dr. J. H. Fouts, of Franklin, and his son, Dover Fouts, of Burnsville, and Frank Watson, also of Burnsville. Despite his years, "Uncle" Elbert Watson was reported in good health and leading an active life.

J. M. Fisher Moves Home to Hazelwood

J. M. Fisher, who has lived two miles south of Franklin on highway No. 285 for the past two years has removed to Hazelwood, where he has accepted a position. Mr. Fisher's many friends here will regret to learn that he has left this county, but wish him every success in his new field.

Says County in Good Financial Condition

Macon county is living within its budget and is in far better financial condition than most of the counties of the state, according to R. C. Birmingham, certified public accountant of Charlotte who has been retained as county auditor for another year.

Mr. Birmingham was in Franklin Monday and Tuesday and checked up the books to March 1. The final audit for the current fiscal year is to be made in June or July.

"If this county's business had always been operated on the present basis, it wouldn't have any debts," the accountant commented. "As it is, it is in much better shape than most counties in North Carolina."