

FARM FOLKS TO MEET SATURDAY

Interesting Program To Be Given at Courthouse At 2:30 P. M.

PUBLIC IS INVITED

Red Cross Plans 'Shower' To Get Clothing for Needy People

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Every Saturday since early fall the Macon County Red Cross has received donations and distributed goods at the Masonic Hall. The Macons very kindly agreed to furnish the room for Red Cross work and Mrs. John Wright and Mrs. Miza Crawford have given each Saturday to supervising the work there. Just here a word of thanks and appreciation is due Mrs. B. W. Justice for donating wood and hauling it in from the Justice place in order that the Red Cross room might be comfortable. There is not time or space to mention each one who has been helpful both with time and gifts.

Hereafter the room at the Masonic Hall will be open each Monday from 1 till 4 o'clock in place of on Saturday as heretofore. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE. And now for a little talk meant for you who are reading. Realize yourself and make others realize the fact that there are whole families who need clothes—any kind and all kinds of clothes. There are mothers whose faces are worn and tired with it all who come with bright faced children who look to be insufficiently fed—all of them ragged and often barefoot. Have you even one garment or a few pennies to buy a yard of cloth or a spool of thread to bring to the Red Cross that these may have clothes?

Shower Proposed
Recently Mrs. E. M. Justice suggested that the Sunday schools set apart a day to give a shower for the Red Cross. I think this an excellent idea and I am suggesting the 10th day of April as the day when all Sunday schools ask for an abundant shower of usable old clothes, new cloth, thread, stockings and other garments. Remember the calls are more urgent all the time and our supply is about exhausted. What could be better in the way of Home Missions than this?

A splendid report comes from the Cartoogechaye farm men and farm women who met for their regular monthly program on March 19. Laddie Crawford and Mrs. Henry Slagle are getting fine cooperation from their neighbors which goes to prove once more the fact that neighborhood groups are always responsive and cooperative when there is a constructive plan for work plus good leadership.

This Cartoogechaye group will put on their regular program as a demonstration for representatives from the other farm men and farm women's groups in the county. The time and place for this meeting is 2:30 o'clock next Saturday, April 2, at the courthouse in Franklin. This is got to be an entertainment for a bunch of loafers but for farm folks who are interested in the welfare of their own communities.

The chairmen of the various county farm groups are asked to meet in executive session at 4 o'clock following this meeting. This is to be very important from the standpoint of seeds and supplies for each community. If some chairman can not attend this meeting, it is hoped a substitute will be sent. These men and women who are chairmen of the groups have in their hands possibilities for good beyond all telling. Think of seventeen groups covering Macon county, all working for the common purpose of making living conditions better all over the county. After all, that is the purpose of trying to make agriculture a more successful business. Make it successful to the point that there may be income sufficient to underwrite better living conditions.

Come in and see the Cartoogechaye group give their regular program and see if you think it worth while to do likewise. All life is a process of learning and doing, and so it behooves us to find out good things to do and then to busy ourselves doing them.

Don't forget the Red Cross shower, and don't forget the Cartoogechaye farmers group meeting, March 29, 1932.

NEWS SUMMARY

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

VOTE POSTAGE INCREASE

The lower house of congress voted, 147 to 63, Wednesday, to increase first class postage from two to three cents. It was estimated that this increase would yield \$135,000,000 additional revenue. The house was reported striving to complete its billion-dollar revenue bill by Friday. The proposed sales tax levy was defeated.

HOPE FOR LINDY, Jr.

New hope for the recovery of the Lindbergh baby was seen Wednesday in negotiations being carried out by Rear Admiral Guy H. Burrage, retired, the Very Rev. Dean H. Dobson-Peacock and John Hughes Curtis, of Norfolk. They were reported to have made contact with a "go-between" for the kidnapers of the child.

N. C. Leads In Power

While the 1931 production of 1,999,913,000 kilowatt hours was 300,000,000 below the 1930 total for the state, North Carolina maintained last year her leadership in electric power in the south.

3 Hurt in Fight at Still

Ashley Moore, alleged whisky distiller, was shot three times in the chest with pistols, and Deputies R. O. Watson and Harry Mayo were peppered with bird shot in a pitched gun battle at an Edgecombe distillery on Monday when Moore and Hugh Pittman came on the plant which the officers were demolishing and opened fire. Pittman is in jail.

Building and Loans Safe

No building and loan association failed in North Carolina in 1931, the insurance commissioner reports. Assets decreased by \$6,843,990 to a total of \$85,348,383, resources dropped 8 per cent, the associations paid \$4,300,000 in earnings and dividends.

Mrs. Pickett Not Guilty

After an hour's deliberation, Saturday night, a jury at Lexington brought in a verdict that Mrs. Lola Pendleton Pickett was not guilty of the poison murder of her daughter, Elizabeth, six. The case was a sensational one and attracted a large attendance.

Confirm Death Sentence for 7

The Alabama supreme court has confirmed death sentence for seven negroes convicted at Scottsboro in April for attacking two white girls on a freight train. The eighth gets a new trial on contention he is only 16. The defense will appeal to the federal courts.

Plans Farm Aid Measure

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Montana Democrat, has announced he will sponsor a farm reconstruction measure in the senate to parallel the measure passed for the benefit to financial institutions.

Wins \$45,000 Verdict

Robert E. Hubbard, Clinton, won a \$45,000 verdict in the Sampson superior court Saturday against the Southern railway for injuries sustained June 13, 1931, when a heavy pole fell across his neck at Charlotte.

J. Elwood Cox Dies

J. Elwood Cox, High Point banker prominent in the political life of the state, died early Tuesday morning, at age of 75 years.

Wilkes Man An Outlaw

Everett Wiles, young Wilkes county man, was on Monday declared an outlaw and reward was offered for his arrest for the murder of Calvin A. Wyatt, constable, on March 24 when the officer went to the Wiles home to hunt for a stolen automobile motor.

9 Die in Southern Storms

Striking in the same areas of Alabama and Georgia where over 350 lost their lives a week previous in similar storms, tornadoes on Sunday killed eight and scattered buildings like chaff. One died in eastern Texas. High winds from the tail end of the storm wrecked considerable property damage in North Carolina.

House Down Beer Tax

The lower house on Friday by 216 to 132 voted down a proposal to permit the sale and taxation of 2.75 per cent beer.

Former Treasury Head Dies

Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury under Roosevelt, died in Washington Monday after five weeks illness with pneumonia.

Cold Ruins Easter Event

Only 11,000 persons attended the annual Easter egg rolling party at the White House, the smallest crowd in 50 years, due to cold winds and grey skies.

Says 8,000,000 Unemployed

There are 8,000,000 people out of work in America, says William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and states the anticipated spring revival in industry has not so far arrived.

Aycock Debate Opens April 1

With 20 high schools participating, triangular elimination contests start Friday in the Aycock debate conducted annually by the state university, with compulsory employment insurance the subject.

Claims Killing Accidental

Held pending trial, Harrison Holt, 30, of the Roaring Fork section, Madison county, claims the Friday night killing of his wife an accident, the shotgun going off as he went to a window to investigate a prowler about the house, the load striking his wife in the face.

Select Election Boards

Election boards in the 100 counties of the state were named by the state board of election in Raleigh, Saturday. The board decided Democratic tickets this year will be white, Republican tickets pink.

Held for Fatal Shooting

William Craig is in the Cherokee jail for the fatal shooting of Cecil Worley. It is claimed the two disagreed over Worley's attentions to Craig's wife, from whom he was recently separated.

New Inlet Seems Permanent

A new inlet to Pamlico sound, cut by the storm of March 6, is regarded as a permanent one with 14 to 18 feet of water in the main channel. State authorities are charting the new channel.

Kentucky Bars Students

A group of 50 eastern college students went by bus and car to the Kentucky coal fields last week to study the labor controversy. On Friday they were refused permission to stay in the state unless each posted a \$1,000 peace bond. They were then hustled into their bus and escorted to the Tennessee line.

There's Still Lots

Of Life in Chief Bob

The Press wishes to make correction of an error appearing in its issue of March 17. In the article on the life of Chief of Police Bob Henry it appeared that he was born in 1847. Now, anybody would know that to be wrong but it took Dr. S. H. Lyle to point out the matter to Chief Henry. The Chief asserts that he was born in 1874, which is the date that The Press intended to print in the first place. However, 1847 was the date it did print and now Chief Henry wishes to make the following announcement: "Although it is reported that I have reached the age of 85 years I wish to state that I have enough energy left to gather up a few loads of trash if householders, business firms and others will only clean up their premises and pile the rubbish where I can get to it." Mr. Henry stated further that the results of spring cleaning call that he issued on March 3 have been far from satisfactory. There is a lot more trash to be gathered and moved, he said, and now is the time to do it.

Golf Club To Have

Scotch Ball Tourney

A Scotch ball tournament, with a sack of sugar for the prize, is planned to be held on the Franklin golf course Sunday. A nominal entrance fee will be charged for each couple participating.

DEATH CLAIMS SANDY MUNDAY

Funeral Held Saturday At Methodist Church

ILL FOR LONG TIME

Death Comes 3 Hours Before His 69th Birthday

Funeral services for Sandy A. Munday, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, who died at 9 o'clock Friday night after a long illness, were held at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church, burial following in the cemetery a mile west of town.

Mr. Munday had been in declining health for some years and during the last six months he was seldom seen on the street. He was confined to his bed for three months before his death, which was attributed to Bright's disease and complications. Members of his family were at his bedside. He was reported to have died just as the clock struck 9. Had he lived three hours longer, members of the family said, he would have been 69 years old.

Native of Macon

Mr. Munday was born March 26, 1863, in the Nantahala section of this county, but he was brought up in Franklin and spent nearly all of his life here. For 40 years he was in the wholesale grocery business. He also was very active in rural estate. In recent years he had been proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, formerly known as the New Brick Hotel.

Survivors

His wife died about eight years ago. He is survived by two sons, Boice C. Munday, Franklin, and Earl Munday, of Missouri; four daughters, Mrs. James Fowler, Mrs. Ethel Ray, Mrs. Louise Cotter and Mrs. Bonnie Brown, all of Rockwood, Tenn.; one brother, T. S. Munday, Franklin; and by three nieces, Miss Allie Caler, Aqune; (Continued on page four)

CHURCH BURNS AT PINE GROVE

Loss Estimated at \$2,500; Dwelling Is Also Burned

The Pine Grove Baptist church on highway No. 28 in the Cullasaga section burned to the ground early Saturday afternoon. A four-room frame house, occupied by Albert Potts, which adjoined the church, was also burned but the furniture in the dwelling was saved. The loss of the church was estimated at \$2,500 and that of the house at approximately \$500. The church, an old building, had a seating capacity of 175.

A pile of brush was being burned near the church and it is believed that a spark from the fire ignited the roof of the church. The fire spread so rapidly that when it was discovered it was too late to save the church. A store about 60 feet from the church was endangered but was saved by a crowd of residents which quickly gathered at the scene and kept pouring water on the structure.

MALLONEE GETS 3 MORE STILLS ON DRY RAIDS

Deputy Sheriff George Mallonee has been very active with his distillery hunting. On Thursday he went into the Walnut Creek section and found the location of a small outfit. The copper was gone, but he destroyed 100 gallons of beer, many barrels, and other articles used by the moonshiner. On Friday morning he went into the Shortoff section, to the left of Highlands on highway No. 28, and found a small copper outfit, with a still of around 15 gallons capacity, and over 150 gallons of beer. Friday afternoon, Walnut Creek was revisited, resulting in the finding of a new 35 gallon copper still in operation, with the distiller making good in a fast race. An old time circular worm, was in use at this place, and there were nearly 800 gallons of beer and a small quantity of whiskey poured out.

Status of County Budget Declared 'Very Favorable' In Accountant's Report

Showing an operating surplus of \$1,353.69 for the eight months ended February 29, this year, a report of R. C. Birmingham, county accountant, on the status of the county's budget was made public this week by Commissioner W. D. Barnard.

"The position of the budget accounts," the accountant reported, "was found to be very favorable and clearly indicated a most economical and conservative administration the first eight months of the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1932."

He urged curtailment of expenditures for public health work and in the department of courts, pointing out that there was a deficit of \$1046.33 in the budget allotment for health work, and a deficit of \$2,559.95 in the funds set aside to meet court expenses. He explained, however, that the health fund deficit was "due to the program of vaccination that was necessary to be carried out" and that the su-

perior court "is beyond the control of the county commissioners."

That part of the report dealing with debt service showed that the budget carried an annual appropriation for bond maturities and interest of \$50,000, of which \$33,333.33 was allotted for the first eight months. After the payment of obligations from this fund, the report showed, there was a surplus of \$2,113.95.

Total appropriations for the year were set forth in the budget as \$74,605, with an allotment for the eight months of \$49,736.67, total expenditures over the period amounting to \$48,382.98.

"With the exception of the very slow and dragging process of tax collections, (and this condition prevails throughout the state) the financial condition of your county is very good and reflects much credit upon your administration," the report concludes.

A copy of the full report will be found on page 3 of this issue of The Press.

FEAST PLANNED FOR SATURDAY

Proceeds To Be Devoted To Fund for Indian Monument

A supper is to be held Saturday to raise additional funds for the Chief Chutasotih monument, it was announced Wednesday. Mrs. J. H. Slagle and Mrs. C. C. Cunningham have informed The Press that it is planned to serve a complete meal at a very moderate price, such good things to eat as chicken and dressing, salad, spiced peaches, pickles, coffee and cake being on the menu. The supper will be held in the vacant store building next to Mrs. Callahan's 5 and 10 cent store in Franklin and the ladies will ring the dinner bell at 6 o'clock.

In addition to satisfying courses of savory food, guests will be provided with entertainment by Oscar and Ras Lewis, who will perform on fiddle and banjo. The music will be free and the small charge to be made for the food will be in the nature of a contribution to the erection of the granite marker for old Chief Chutasotih's grave in St. John's churchyard. Those who have already contributed as well as many who have not are expected to come to the supper.

Subscriptions have been received during the last week from the following contributors to the monument fund: James Grey, Raleigh, J. H. Jones, Don Henry, Mrs. Bud Ledford, Mrs. William Dalrymple, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Slagle, Mrs. Jeff Enloe, Mrs. Earl Harrison, Miss Annie Slagle, Mr. and Mrs. George McGee, Miss Nancy Jones, Mrs. H. Slagle.

No word has been received as yet from Will Rogers in reply to the invitation that has been sent him to be present to assist in the unveiling of the monument. It is doubtful that there has been sufficient time for this communication to reach him.

It is planned to have the monument placed and ready for the unveiling by the first of May. The date has not been set definitely, pending completion of arrangements for speakers and entertainment features.

REV. O. P. ADER HOLDS REVIVAL

Services Being Held Each Evening at Methodist Church

The revival which began Sunday in the Methodist church will continue through this week and into next week. Very fine audiences have been in attendance and the sermons delivered by the pastor, the Rev. O. P. Ader, have been well received.

The theme of the sermon for Thursday night is "The Kingdom of Heaven At Hand." The singing is an attractive feature of these services and the new song book is rich in old-time revival songs.

A group of young people is meeting with the pastor this week to study the Christian life and the vows for church membership; they are to meet again on Friday at 3:30 p. m. These services will continue over Sunday and Mrs. Ader will give a message in the course of the meeting.

The Rev. L. B. Hayes, of Waynesville, the presiding elder, may be in the meeting Sunday night, and hold the second quarterly meeting after the services.

A hearty welcome is extended to all who can and will attend to these services.

Song service begins at 7:45 p. m. and preaching at 8 p. m.

B. C. Munday Opens New Auto Service Station

A new gasoline filling station, known as the Lakeview Service station, has been opened next to Shook's store at the point where highway No. 28 from Highlands joins the Dillsboro highway. B. C. Munday is manager of the station with John McCollum as assistant.

The new service station, a modern brick structure, is equipped to wash and grease cars and render general automobile service. It handles Shell Oil products.

Republicans To Hold County Meeting Saturday

A. S. Solesbee is a candidate for the Republican nomination for senator in the 22rd district and there is some talk that R. D. Sisk may also run for this office, but no one has formally announced himself, although it is only a few days before the convention. Prospective candidates seem to be waiting to see which way the wind blows when the convention delegates gather Saturday.

Democratic candidates are even slower in coming to the front. Robert A. Patton is known to be considering running for the senate in the June 4 primary, but he has made no definite announcement of his intentions. Other possible Democratic candidates for various offices are also withholding their final decision.

MOODY THINKS LAND GOOD BUY

Points to Low Prices With Likelihood of Larger Values

RESOURCES SAME

Farm on Ellijay Sells Far Below Price of 30 Years Ago

"Farm lands are still one of the best investments a man can make despite present deflated values," in the opinion of C. F. Moody, of Iotla, one of Macon county's largest land owners and one of its most successful farmers.

"I am still a believer in land," said Mr. Moody, "and I have always thought it good business to buy land when prices are low. Whenever land is selling as low as it is selling now, it's a mighty good thing to buy."

If one wishes to find out how cheaply land can be bought now, Mr. Moody suggested, all he has to do is go to the courthouse almost any Monday at noon and watch the bidding on public sales. It is recalled that several weeks ago a farm of 90-odd acres in the Ellijay section was sold at public outcry for \$350. This included a house and barn and some bottom land. A former owner had paid \$500 cash for less than half of this farm 30 years ago.

Have Some Resources

"You know," continued Mr. Moody, "we have exactly the same natural resources, the same climate, the same soil and in addition to this we know more about farming and more about how to use these natural resources."

"We also have good roads, but the prices at which good farm lands in Macon county can now be bought are less than what they were before the days of hard-surfaced highways. Land should be worth more and it will be worth more. The trouble is: the boom sent prices to one extreme and the current depression has sent them down to the other extreme."

Confident in Recovery

"But I believe land values are coming back. They always do." Mr. Moody also pointed out that farming can be done more economically on land bought at present rockbottom prices than on land purchased when prices were high, because the investment is so much smaller, meaning a reduced expenditure for interest on money. "It's true," he added, "that the farmer can't get the prices for his farm produce that he did several years ago, but it is also true that his cost of production has also greatly diminished."

"Land values are almost sure to increase as time goes on and, doubtless, time also will bring about an upward trend in prices for farm produce. So it appears to me that farm lands at this time offer an excellent investment. Of course, it would be bad policy for any man to buy more farm land than he can finance or farm on an economical basis."

"My advice to those already owning agricultural property in Macon county is not to get discouraged and sell their land at the present depressed prices but to hold on to what they have if at all possible. The time is coming when they can more nearly get the real value for any land they want to sell."

'Father-Son' Banquet Set for Friday Night

The Vocational agriculture class of the Franklin high school will hold its second annual "Father and Son" banquet at the school house Friday night. It was announced this week by Earl Meacham, instructor of the class.

The banquet is to start at 7:30 o'clock, to be followed by a 40-minute entertainment program with Roy Thomas, of Raleigh, state supervisor of vocational education, as the principal speaker.

The banquet will be served by the home economics class of the high school under the direction of Miss Alberta Beam.