

RAMSEY LEADER OF DEMOCRATS

Elected Chairman of County Executive Committee

PATTON RESIGNS County Election Board Scheduled To Meet On April 16

Albert L. Ramsey, of Franklin, Route 3, was elected chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Macon county, succeeding George B. Patton, who resigned on account of ill health, at a meeting of the committee Saturday afternoon in the Bank of Franklin building.

Mr. Patton has been in poor health for several months and has been confined to his home for some weeks.

Mr. Ramsey, the new chairman, is expected to announce his plans for the party within the next few days.

Township Leaders Democratic activities in the various townships will be directed by the following executive committee members:

Robert Sheffield, Cowee; J. M. Raby, Mill Shoal; A. B. Potts, Sugar Fork; J. P. Moore, Ellijay; Earl Dryman, Flatts; Frank Potts, Highlands; Charlie Norton, Smith's Bridge; Carl Slagle, Cartoogechaye; Bob Burnette, Nantahala No. 1; J. R. Shields, Nantahala No. 2; Robert Parrish, Burningtown; J. S. Porter, Franklin.

Convention in June

The county Democratic convention will not be held until after the primary in June.

The county elections board is scheduled to meet on Saturday, April 16, to organize and complete arrangements for the primaries. The committee, as recently appointed by the state board of elections, consists of T. S. Munday, Fred H. Higdon and J. R. Morrison.

SEVERAL FOREST FIRES REPORTED IN MACON COUNTY

Two large forest fires and several smaller ones have been reported in Macon county during the past week. The worst were on Trimont and Ammons' Knob. The latter presented the appearance of a volcano Wednesday, with huge billows of smoke rising above the peak. The fire on Trimont and also another on Cartoogechaye were believed incendiary. A bloodhound was brought here from Clayton in hopes that the person or persons responsible could be traced, but the dog failed to produce results that would stand in court.

John Wilson, of the Wilson Gap vicinity near Highlands, was bound to superior court Friday by Justice of the Peace J. C. Mell at Highlands, on a charge of setting forest fires which burned over about 125 acres of national forest land in the vicinity several weeks ago. Wilson was arrested by Ranger Don Young on circumstantial evidence. He was released under \$200 bond.

ON HONOR ROLL

Miss Jessie Higdon, of Franklin, Miss Sarah Hicks Hines, of Highlands, and Carl D. Moses, of Higdonville, made the Beta honor roll at Western Carolina Teachers college at Cullowhee for the winter quarter.

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NEWS SUMMARY

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

CONVENTION KEYNOTED NAMED

George K. Freeman, Goldsboro, former state commander of the American Legion, will make the keynote address for the state Democratic convention, Governor O. Max Gardner has announced. Senator A. W. Barkley, Kentucky, has been selected to make the keynote address at the national Democratic convention. He is the choice of the Roosevelt forces.

Many In State Institutions

At the end of February, there were 15,997 persons in state penal correctional and charitable institutions. There were 2,416 persons in county institutions as of the same date.

Two of Penn's Assaults Caught

Elwood Johnson, Siler City, and Lawrence Armstrong, Winston-Salem, have been arrested as two of four men who attempted a robbery at Chapel Hill last week. Officer U. M. Rackley impressed Ashby Penn, 20, of Reidsville, and his machine and overtook the four. Penn was shot through the lung when he advanced on the robbers' car. R. G. Thompson, Mt. Holly, and Jack Thomas, Winston-Salem, are sought as the other two in the case.

Hunt For Slayers of 7

A grim manhunt has been underway for days along the Mexican border for three bandits who on Friday night slaughtered seven members of the family of a New Mexico dairyman in a robbery attempt. Formation of a vigilance committee is considered to quell recent bandit outbreaks.

VOTE FOR PHILIPINE FREEDOM

The lower house on Monday approved the Hare bill to give independence to the 13,000,000 Filipinos in about 10 years, by vote of 306 to 47.

Eastman Money to University

George Eastman, who gave away \$100,000,000 before death, left \$20,000,000 in his will, most of it to go to Rochester university.

Admits Bank Robberies

Arrested Sunday for Chicago officers, Donal Loftus, 30, admitted 12 recent bank robberies in which \$100,000 was taken, and also three recent bigamous marriages. He had little money when taken in Indiana.

Soviet Ford Plant Halts

Soviet Russia's huge \$119,000,000 Ford automobile plant near Nizhni Novgorod, has come to a halt three months after production started. Directors are being replaced to attempt a reopening on April 15.

Find Airman's Body

Missing since February 1 when his plane crashed into a California peak, the body of Lieut. Edward D. Hoffman, army aviator, was found Sunday where he had perished in deep snow a half-mile from aid.

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REVENUE BILL

The house of representatives on Friday passed its revenue bill after three weeks of battle, by a record vote of 341 to 64. The bill provides revenue of \$1,032,000,000, thought sufficient along with economies to balance the federal budget. All sales tax sections were killed by insurgent members of both parties. The senate is said to be favorably disposed toward the bill as it finally was approved by the house.

Frazer Pays For Murder

William M. Frazer, "playboy," of Rahway, N. J., who squandered \$25,000 on his mistress before he shot and killed her, paid for his crime in the electric chair at Trenton, Friday night. Frazer was arrested at Raleigh after a motor trip south in which he hid the woman's body in woods near Doswell, Va.

Thrilling Rescue of Boy

Gerald Collins, three, fell 20 feet down a conical, 250-foot, drill hole near Picher, Okla., on March 31, and remained wedged in the hole for over 12 hours while frantic rescue efforts were made to sink a shaft beside the drill hole. He was not badly injured.

75,000 MINERS STRIKE

Failure to arrive at satisfactory wage figures in joint conferences, is given as the cause of a strike by 75,000 bituminous coal miners in Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia, the men ceasing work as of midnight, March 31.

Mail Pilot Dies in Fog

Near the end of a perilous flight from Newark to Cleveland with 1,000 pounds of mail, Pilot Forrest Malick ran into dense fog on the outskirts of Cleveland, March 31, and crashed to his death.

Britain Balances Budget

Regarded as a financial marvel is Great Britain's feat in balancing the national budget for the current year with a surplus of 364,000 pounds. The revenues, by that amount, exceeded expenditures of 770,599,000 pounds during the year.

Held For Murder

Originally held under \$2,500 bond each for cruelty and neglect causing the death of Willie Mae Mashburn, eight, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Brooks were re-arrested at Asheville, Saturday, and held for first degree murder.

Younce Is Acquitted

George A. Younce, formerly solicitor in the 12th judicial district, was on Saturday night at Lexington acquitted of manslaughter in the death of Sheriff James A. Leonard. Younce had told a second coroner's jury Leonard was accidentally shot as Younce tried to wrest from him a pistol with which Leonard had shot Neil Wimmer. W. Foil Brinkley was freed of the manslaughter charge in a directed verdict on Friday. Both Younce and Brinkley are indicted for perjury for failure to admit knowledge of Leonard's manner of death, in the first coroner's hearing.

Tar Heel Dies in Crash

Milton C. Williamson, 35, Liberty, private secretary to Representative Edward W. Pou, was one of two killed in Washington, Friday morning, in a collision of two fast cross-town busses.

Macon County Students Win Honors at W.C.T.C.

The following Macon county students have made an enviable record at Western Carolina Teachers college during the past quarter: C. Ross Zachary is president of the Alpha Phi Sigma, national honorary scholastic fraternity, and is recognized as an honor student, having made the Alpha honor roll for the quarter. Miss Helen Patton is secretary of the Epworth league, vice-president of the Literary club, and is one of the inter-collegiate debaters this spring. Miss Mary Louise Slagle, Everett Mashburn, and Jessie Ramsey made the honor roll for the winter quarter.

FARM STUDENTS HOLD BANQUET

Interesting Program Is Given at Father-Son Dinner

The Young Tar Heel Farmers club of the Franklin high school held its second annual father-and-son banquet in the school auditorium Friday night at 7:30.

The vocational agriculture movement in Macon county is meeting with much favor among the leading farmers and citizens. The local department is drawing to a close its second successful year and all indications are that the oncoming years will meet with even more success.

Earl Meacham, the agriculture instructor, was the first speaker of the evening. He gave the results of the last year's projects, stating that the class as a whole made \$681.59 clear profit and that the many hours of student labor were given sufficient credit. The measure by which the value of the agriculture class may be given is shown by the total labor income of the entire class, which reaches the figures of \$919.76.

Most of these projects were composed of the following: corn, Irish potatoes, beans, hogs, sheep, beef calves, stock beets and a few acres of lespedeza.

Guy Houk, high school principal and president of the Franklin Rotary club, and M. D. Billings, county superintendent, both spoke of the success of the agriculture department and congratulated the boys on the splendid work which they were doing.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly and Dr. S. H. Lyle spoke on the value of agriculture in the public schools and stressed the importance of learning to farm before attempting to farm.

Those on the entertainment program were Helen Shepard, Joy Shope, Jerald Hinson and Gilmer Crawford. Music was furnished by the Higdonville band.

The meal was prepared and served by Miss Alberta Beam and the girls of the home economics department.

FARM PROGRAM IS PRESENTED

5-10 Year Plan Is Topic Of Meeting Held at Courthouse

A typical 5-10 Year Farm Program meeting was staged at the courthouse Saturday afternoon by the Cartoogechaye 5-10 organization, with farm folk from other sections of the county attending.

Mrs. Henry Slagle, co-chairman of the group, opened the meeting and launched the preliminary events. Chairman Lattie Crawford then took charge.

The 5-10 plan and how it can help Macon county farmers was discussed by Carl Slagle, Mrs. H. C. Hurst, Mrs. Slagle, Fred Sloan, county agent; and Miss Elizabeth Kelly and Sam L. Franks, county chairman of the farm development movement.

An entertainment program also was presented with music furnished by eight string musicians. A dancing stunt by Virginia Zachary and Annie Ruth Zachary, little daughters of Hal Zachary, known for a quarter of a century for his clog and buck dancing, drew much applause.

After the program at the courthouse several outdoor events were held. The men won over the women in a relay race.

A. T. Rogers Family Holds 11th Reunion

The A. T. Rogers family held their eleventh annual reunion at the homeplace at Prentiss Thurgers, March 31. It was Mr. Rogers 81st birthday. The family is one of the largest in the county, Mr. Rogers having 11 children, 70 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

About 25 persons attended the reunion and enjoyed the bounteous dinner which was served.

Andrews Man Planning To Operate Buck Creek Ranch as Tourist Resort

Buck Creek ranch, the private estate of W. T. Latham, of Andrews, for more than 20 years identified with the lumber industry in Western North Carolina, is being equipped and will be opened as a tourist and vacation resort this season, Mr. Latham has announced.

The ranch, a boundary of more than a thousand acres, has an elevation of 3,000 feet and is located in the extreme eastern corner of Clay county and nestles in a narrow valley surrounded by rugged and high peaks of the Nantahala mountains. The ranch buildings are situated about two miles off state highway No. 28 and are reached by an improved road which leaves the highway at the lower Buck creek bridge.

The opening of this ranch with its accommodations to the public will place at the disposal of visitors the scenery of a region that has

and exterior finish in keeping with the rustic surroundings. The furnishings, porches, huge fireplace, a roomy living room or lobby, and conveniently arranged bed rooms. The furnishings are all new and much of it is hand-made by workmen on the job. The immediate surroundings are being landscaped and planted in native shrubbery.

To carry out the ranch plan, the hundreds of acres of farm and pasture land will furnish home grown vegetables and meats for the table. A herd of more than 140 sheep is already on the range. Horses and other equipment will be available in order that guests may enjoy the scenic and recreational opportunities of the mountain surroundings.

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FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. BYRD

Mother of Mrs. Hoilman Dies After Month's Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Elvira Byrd, 88, who died at the home of her son, Dock Byrd, at Bryson City early Monday morning, were held at the Oak Grove Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. Mr. Buchanan, of Bryson City, assisted by the Rev. W. L. Bradley and the Rev. D. C. McCoy of Oak Grove, conducting the services.

Mrs. Byrd was taken sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Sellers in Gastonia, about a month ago, later being brought to Bryson City, where she died. Despite her age, she made three trips to Salt Lake City, Utah, in recent years to visit her son, Buren Byrd.

At an early age Mrs. Byrd joined the Oak Grove Methodist church and lived a very loyal and consecrated life. She was devoted to her family and her presence contributed pleasure to all who knew her, because of her friendly, frank and jovial nature. Her radiant smile was always accompanied by a cordial greeting.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Priscilla McHan, of California; Mrs. Rose Smythe, of Canton; W. S. Byrd, of Culbertson, Ga.; Mrs. Florence Gibbey, of Tennessee; Mrs. Tim Hoilman, of Franklin; Mrs. Fannie Sellers, of Gastonia; Dock Byrd, of Bryson City, and Buren Byrd, of Salt Lake City, Utah; a number of grand and great-grandchildren.

Carl Bingham's Garage And Auto Lost in Fire

Carl Bingham, who lives at Lake Emory and is caretaker of the power plant, lost his garage and car, over \$100 worth of power house supplies, tools, seeds, feed and other implements, when his automobile caught on fire Monday afternoon, supposedly to have started from a shortage in the wiring of the car. Boards were scattered for several yards when the gasoline tank blew up.

Pigs and Multiplication Studied by Rotary Club

The Franklin Rotary club learned about the pig business at its regular weekly luncheon at the Scott Griffin hotel, Wednesday. Briefly, they learned that Ellis Parker Butler was right when he wrote "Pigs is Pigs."

About a year ago the club bought four purebred Poland China pigs and one boar of the same variety. They gave the pigs to four Macon county farm boys and placed the boar in charge of a farmer. Now there are 28 more purebred Poland Chinas in Macon county. Next fall there should be 50 or 60 more.

By this time next year the problem will enter higher mathematics. Not satisfied with these estimates, Professor Guy Houk, who is president of the Rotary club, brushed up on progressions and figured that by September, 1933,

Son Prefers Pool, Mamma the Movies

Mrs. George Dalrymple appeared before the town council Monday night with a request that the council outlaw pool tables, now being operated in Franklin under the legal definition of "slot machines."

"I can't get my boy to come home now until 10 or 11 o'clock at night," she complained. "He hangs around the pool rooms and spends all his money. He'll spend twenty-five cents in an evening, money that he ought to be putting on his back."

"What time is it?" Mrs. Dalrymple inquired, abruptly interrupting her remarks about the evils of pool rooms. It was a few minutes after eight o'clock, she was informed. "Oh, I'll have to go now," she concluded, "or I'll miss the picture show."

The council took Mrs. Dalrymple's request under advisement.

500 B. Y. P. U.'S EXPECTED HERE

Regional Convention To Be Held in Franklin Next Week

The regional convention of the Baptist Young Peoples Union will be held at the First Baptist church in Franklin Friday and Saturday of next week. Five hundred members of the organization from churches throughout Western North Carolina are expected to attend the convention.

The convention is scheduled to convene at 2 p. m. Friday, April 15 and to end at 4 p. m. the following day. An interesting program is being arranged for the meeting. Among the speakers expected to take part in the program are Dr. Frank Leavel, noted preacher of Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Winnie Rickett, of Raleigh, state secretary of the B. Y. P. U., and the Rev. J. A. Ivey, former state secretary of the B. Y. P. U. but now the pastor of a church in Asheville.

WEST TO HEAD COUNTY G. O. P.

Republican Convention Endorses Solesbee And Edwards

COMMITTEE NAMED

Hoover Policies Praised, County Administration Attacked

McKinley Edwards, Bryson City attorney, was endorsed for the office of United States attorney for the western district of North Carolina at the Macon county Republican convention in the courthouse Saturday morning. The convention also endorsed the Rev. A. S. Solesbee, Baptist minister and former representative of Macon county in the general assembly, for state senator from this district.

The convention, called to order at 11 o'clock by the retiring chairman, A. R. Higdon, ran so smoothly that its business was completed shortly after noon. It adopted a resolution endorsing "without qualification the record of the Hoover administration," attacking Democratic dominance in county and state governments and calling for reevaluation of property and a reduction of taxes.

West Named Chairman

After appointment of the county executive committee W. J. West was elected county chairman, Miss Lolita Dean, vice chairman, and R. H. Rogers, secretary.

Following are the minutes of the meeting as reported by T. G. Harbison, secretary of the convention:

Pursuant to announcement, the Republicans of Macon county met in the courthouse on April 2 and organized for the coming campaign. The meeting was called to order by R. D. Sisk, temporary chairman with T. G. Harbison acting as temporary secretary. After the chairman had stated the object of the meeting, a motion to make R. D. Sisk permanent chairman and T. G. Harbison permanent secretary for this meeting was carried.

The secretary called the roll of the townships of the county and delegates from the following townships responded: Millshoal, Ellijay, Sugarfork, Highlands, Flatts, Smith Bridge, Burningtown, Cowee and Franklin.

It was moved and carried that the chairman appoint a committee on resolutions. W. R. Higdon, W. J. West, Marshall Burnett, W. L. Higdon and T. G. Harbison were appointed for the committee.

Resolutions Adopted

The following resolutions were read to the convention and adopted: We, the Republican party of Macon county, in convention assembled, on this April 2, 1932, reaffirm our devotion to the principles of the Republican party and endorse without qualification the record of the Hoover administration.

We hold that government must function not to centralize wealth, business and power, but to preserve equal opportunity so that all may share in our priceless resources.

We believe that a one-sided political situation with a too dominant party in power in Macon county.

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Will Rogers Picks A Story For This Spot

By WILL ROGERS

THIS is a story I always liked; you may have heard it, but there will be no harm in repeating.



A Burglar was robbing a house as quietly as possible, but his shoes were not padded and they were making a noise. He had just reached the door of the bedroom when he heard a woman's voice, "If you don't take off your shoes when you come into this house there is going to be trouble! Here it's been raining for three hours and you dare tramp over my carpet with your muddy feet! Go downstairs and take 'em off!" He went downstairs without a word, but he didn't take his shoes off. He went into the night again and the Pal who was waiting outside for him saw a tear glisten in his eye as he replied, "I can't rob this house. It's too much like home."

SOME FOLKS DON'T GO TO WORK FOR A LIVING 'TIL DEYSE GIVEN EVERYTHING ELSE A GOOD TRIAL

NIGHT CLUB

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