

## AUDITOR GETS ONLY \$750 PAY

### Birmingham Explains that He Isn't County Accountant

## 'WIRES CROSSED' Declares Administration In Macon Is 'Most Economical'

R. C. Birmingham, of Charlotte, is Macon county's auditor—rather than its county accountant, and as such he is to receive \$750 for his work instead of \$2,420, the amount set aside in the budget for the "county accountant," according to a letter from Mr. Birmingham to the editor of The Press.

Mr. Birmingham's letter, explaining the difference between the "county accountant" and the "county auditor," follows:

"I note in your good paper of the 31st ultimo, the news item relative to my report under date of March 12, on the financial position of Macon county, and also note your editorial comment thereon.

"I believe the policy of your paper is one of absolute fairness to everyone, therefore I wish to correct an impression that might be gained by the people of your county and an impression that evidently has already been gained, according to the recent resolutions of the Republican party in Macon county.

"The news item referred to is headed 'Report of County Accountant.' This is in error as I am not the county accountant. The report should have been headed 'The Report of the Auditor.' The office of county accountant has no more relation to the auditor, than has any other subdivision of county government. The law requires that each county establish and maintain the office of county accountant, the same law requires that the accounts of each county shall be audited by a public or certified public accountant. The latter is to whom I refer when I mention 'the auditor.'

"'Wires Crossed'—In your editorial you state 'but it does seem that the county books could be audited for less than \$2,420.00.' You evidently have 'crossed your wires' and have confused the cost of the office of county accountant with that of the cost of audit. Macon county has a contract with me, as a certified public accountant, to audit the accounts of the county for the year ended June 30, 1932 for the sum of \$750.00 and not \$2,420.00, and insofar as I know, this is the lowest figure of the cost of the yearly audit in any county in North Carolina.

"Says Salary Small—To cover the cost of the county accountant's office, the sum of \$2,420.00 was appropriated, this amount being divided, county accountant \$1,600.00, clerical assistance \$600.00 and supplies \$220.00. Likewise, insofar as I know, this is about as little in this regard, as any county in the state. The office of county accountant, in my opinion, the most responsible office, at least with regard to rigid laws, dire penalties etc, within the range of government and its political subdivisions, and personally I would not have the office for twice the salary paid by any county in the state. Certainly no one will say that an annual salary of the county accountant of \$1,600.00 is excessive.

"With regard to that part of your editorial relating to public health, I quite agree with you that this activity of government is one of the most vital importance—on the other hand, a constitutional limit of fifteen cents levy has been placed on the governmental function known as 'For General County Purposes' and I believe that Macon county is about the only one of the smaller counties of the state that will be able to stay within the budget allowance of fifteen cents as referred to above. This, in itself is clearly indicative of a most-economical and conservative administration. If the scope of the health activities is to be broadened, it means only one thing—an additional tax levy for this purpose.

"In the issue of your paper under date of April 7 the resolutions of the Republican party contain a criticism of the present administration of Macon county to the effect (Continued on page four)

## NEWS SUMMARY

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

### KIDNAPERS DECEIVE LINDBERGH

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, on Saturday night, issued a statement that a ransom of \$50,000 has recently been paid kidnapers of his small son, after they had positively identified themselves as holding the boy, and that they have violated their agreement to leave the boy at a designated spot. Circulars giving the serial numbers of the five, 10 and 20 dollar notes paid to the kidnapers have been distributed throughout the country.

### Killed by Train

David Walker, 20, of Old Fort, was killed Sunday afternoon near Glenwood by a C. C. and O. train which struck him from the rear.

### Chatham Bank Reopens

The Chatham bank, Siler City, which closed December 30 with deposits of \$340,000, reopened Monday after 95 per cent of the depositors had agreed to a plan which makes 75 per cent of deposits available in cash.

## LIVESTOCK DAY BEING PLANNED

An invitation to attend the annual Livestock Field Day at Moultrie, Ga., on May 4, has been extended to Macon county farmers by Major S. A. Harris, former publisher of The Franklin Press, who is now secretary of the Moultrie chamber of commerce. Governor Russell of Georgia has accepted an invitation to address the gathering, which is expected to attract cattle and pig growers from all over the southeast, Major Harris said in a communication to The Press.

"This is the second livestock field day to be held in the southeast, the first having taken place here last year," the Moultrie commerce secretary said. "The Georgia experiment station at Griffin originated this plan to develop interest in the livestock industry in the southeast and to disseminate information among the growers and breeders of livestock. The field day last year proved such an outstanding success it has been decided to make the affair an annual event each spring. Last year hundreds of livestock enthusiasts from all parts of the southeast and from as far west as Texas were present. A much larger attendance is expected this year. The experiment station's slogan for this occasion is as follows: 'FOR THE FARMER WHO MEANS BUSINESS.'"

Various livestock experts will be on the program at this year's field day at Moultrie, Major Harris said, and herds of swine and Herefords will be shipped from the Georgia experiment station at Griffin to be used as object lessons in the addresses of the livestock men.

Breeders of Poland China pigs from all parts of the southeast are expected to attend and it is planned to organize a Poland China Breeders association.

Major Harris complimented the farmers of the county on the progress they are making under the Western North Carolina 5-10 Year Farm Program and said he hoped to see a number of his old Macon county friends at Moultrie on May 4.

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### BONUS PETITIONS PRE- SENTED

A truck load of petitions bearing 2,240,030 signatures of veterans asking an immediate cash bonus payment, was escorted to the doors of congress, Friday, by 1,000 veterans.

### Appeal Case Against Cannon

The federal government on Monday filed in the District of Columbia court of appeals, its appeal from the ruling of the federal district court in February that indictments brought against Bishop James Cannon, Jr., and Miss Ada Burroughs, for violation of the corrupt practices act, were improperly drawn and could not be brought to trial. The charges were in connection with alleged failure to report election funds secured by Cannon in his anti-Smith fight in 1928.

### Veteran Ask Cash Bonus

A thousand or more war veterans met in Greensboro Monday night and asked congressional approval of a full cash payment of adjusted service compensation certificates. James E. Van Zandt, Altoona, Pa., junior vice-commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Wade H. Phillips, Lexington, were speakers.

### 131 Cars Stolen In March

There were 131 automobiles stolen in North Carolina in March, the motor vehicle bureau reports. There were 117 cars recovered for owners.

### Stock Market Probe Starts

The senate's investigation of short selling practices on the stock market got underway Monday with the banking committee calling Richard Whitney, president of the New York exchange, to appear with records.

### Farm Board To Continue

The federal farm board, by vote of 152 to 23, on Friday, won the lower house's approval for a continuation of the board's work. Appropriation of \$1,000,000 was made for its operation next year.

### SOUTH'S BUILDING BOOM

Above \$80,000,000 in construction contracts were placed in 16 southern states in the first quarter of 1932, with the March showing of the south comparatively the best in the entire country.

## CROWDS MARVEL AT FORD'S NEW 8-CYLINDER CAR

Upwards of 1,000 persons marveled at the new V-8 Ford on display at the Joines Motor and Tractor company Tuesday.

The new Ford, also available in four-cylinder models, is quite a departure from the old ones.

The body design is the very latest in automobiles and the quality of the materials has been improved. Evidently, Henry Ford intends not only to put out a cheaper car but also a better one. The new car has automatic spark control, a downdraft carburetor, silent second gear, synchronized gear shift, self-adjusting shock absorbers and is capable of a speed of 75 miles an hour.

You won't know it's a Ford.

## 500 B. Y. P. U.'s Expected At Regional Convention

The regional convention of the Baptist Young People's Union will be held at the First Baptist church here Friday and Saturday. The initial session will open Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Five hundred delegates are expected to attend from churches in Western North Carolina.

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ell, a missionary in Africa for years, now at home on vacation; Mrs. A. L. Crowley, lesson writer for the Baptist Sunday School board, Nashville, Tenn.; Coy Muckle, president of the State B. Y. P. U. convention; Ralph Ramsey, of Breward, regional president; and Miss Cleo Mitchell, of Greensboro.

Students of Mars Hill college will have an important part on the program. Miss Virginia Cunningham is president and Miss Eloise Jamerson secretary-treasurer of the B. Y. P. U. of the Franklin church.

## PRIZE WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED

### Elizabeth Poindexter and Ted Eaton Given U. D. C. Awards

The Macon County Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy held their April meeting with Mrs. T. J. Johnston and Mrs. T. J. Johnston, Jr., on Monday afternoon.

After a short business session the meeting was turned over to the program committee. The first number was the singing of America followed by the president's welcome to the visitors.

The high light of the program was the delivery of cash awards offered by the chapter to the two high school pupils who wrote prize-winning essays in a contest recently conducted by Mrs. Helen Macon among her history classes on the subject of General Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

It was most fitting that these papers should come at this time, as Saturday marked the 67th anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox.

Prizes were awarded to Elizabeth Poindexter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poindexter, and Fred Eaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Edward Eaton. Mr. T. J. Johnston, Sr., made the presentation with very fitting remarks.

Elizabeth and Fred read their essays and they were enthusiastically received.

Mrs. John B. Byrne read a paper on General Lee as a college president, dealing with his life and career from the time of the surrender to his death. This was followed by Father Ryan's glowing beautiful tribute to Robert E. Lee.

After the program tea was served.

An invitation was extended from Mrs. C. F. Moody to meet with her at the Moody Farm for the May meeting.

## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. PENLAND

### Funeral for Prentiss Woman Conducted at Baptist Church

Funeral services for Mrs. H. R. Penland, 29, who died at her home near Prentiss, Friday about 12:30 from a sudden heart attack, were held at the First Baptist church at Franklin Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. E. R. Eller, assisted by the Rev. J. C. Umberger, pastor of the Macon circuit, and the Rev. J. L. Teague, a retired Methodist minister and a life long friend of the family, conducting the services.

The deceased, before her marriage, was Miss Annie Bell Womack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Womack of East Franklin. She was a member of the First Baptist church at Franklin, having joined the church at the age of 14, and was always a faithful attendant and a very loyal member.

Mrs. Penland is survived by her husband, H. R. Penland, and four little daughters, Dorothy, Frances, Annie Jean and Louis Raymond; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Womack; four brothers, Otto, Roy and Dewey Womack, of Franklin, and Lyman Womack, of Andrews; and one sister, Mrs. Wade Elliott, of Asheville.

The out-of-town relatives and friends attending the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. Wade Elliott and children, of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Womack, of Andrews, and Mrs. L. P. Baarrington of near Richmond, Va.

## APRIL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT TO OPEN MONDAY

The regular April term of Macon county superior court will open Monday morning with Judge A. M. Stack of Monroe presiding. The first two days have been set aside for the trial of criminal cases, with trial of civil cases scheduled to start Wednesday.

### MAKES HONOR ROLL

N. Blaine, of Franklin, was among the students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill reported to have made the honor roll for the second quarter.

## Presbytery Votes To Close Maxwell Farm Home at End Of Current School Session

## Miss Kelly Gets Car Load Of Flour for Distribution Through Red Cross Chapter

Through the efforts of Miss Elizabeth Kelly, chairman of the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross, a car load of flour, weighing 42,000 pounds, has been obtained to help the needy in Macon county. The flour is expected to arrive this week, Miss Kelly said.

Miss Kelly said the flour probably would be stored, through the courtesy of Sam L. Franks, in the storeroom back of the Star Market.

The flour is to come out of the wheat surplus bought by the government and being disposed of through the national Red Cross organization.

"The purpose of this flour is to help those who need some assistance while they are growing crops," Miss Kelly said. "It's not meant for habitual

paupers; they are the county's obligation and the county should continue to look out for these people. But there are many other persons and families in Macon county who, due to temporary conditions, need some help, especially at this time while they are trying to plant a crop. It is these folks that the Red Cross wants to help and these are the folks who will get flour."

Disposition of the flour will be handled through the township committees of the Red Cross, Miss Kelly said, and allotments will be made only on presentation of requisitions approved by chairmen of the township committees. Persons wishing to obtain flour are requested first to see the chairman of the township in which they live.

## MRS. J. T. HENRY DIES SUDDENLY

### Funeral Services Held at Elijay Baptist Church

Funeral services for Mrs. John T. Henry, 66, of Elijay, who died of paralysis about 1 o'clock Sunday morning, were held at the Elijay Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. James Vinson, pastor, conducting the services.

Mrs. Henry apparently was in good health when she retired, but was later taken with a severe pain in her head, and death came about two hours later.

The deceased had been a member of the Elijay Baptist church since early life.

She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Royal Ivester, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Columbus Ammons, of Murphy; and Mrs. Clyde Dills, of Pine Grove; six sons, Lee and Louis Henry, of California, Napoleon Henry, of Detroit, Mich., Will, Robert and Frank Henry, of Elijay; one sister, Mrs. Jake Henry, of Elijay; and three brothers, David Moses, of Elijay, Zach Moses, Bakersfield, Calif., and Napoleon Moses, of Baker City, Ore.

## C. C. Poindexter Here For Superior Court

C. C. Poindexter, Asheville attorney, will be in Franklin for the two-week term of superior court opening Monday. Mr. Poindexter has just returned from a five-days hiking trip in the Nantahala and the Great Smoky mountains. He reported a fine time but much cold weather. Monday night, he said he and his companions encountered two inches of snow on top of the Smokies.

## No. 282 To Be Surfaced; Engineers Busy Near Here

Work is expected to start soon, probably within the next few days, on the surfacing of state highway No. 282 from Highlands toward Walhalla, S. C. Fourteen thousand dollars recently was allotted for this work by the state highway department.

No. 282 has become known as the Three-States highway. It is an important feeder for No. 28 and is the nearest route into the Smoky Mountains National Park for a large part of South Carolina. It also is a link in a short route between Augusta, Ga., and Knoxville, Tenn.

## Missing Aquone Girl Found in Dearborn

Hazel Maybelle Tothorow, 15, daughter of Glenn Tothorow, of Aquone, this county, who had been missing from her home for a week, has been found by police at Dearborn, Mich., near Detroit, according to a telegram received Tuesday by the girl's father.

Dearborn police were reported holding Mrs. Eva Byrd Marenkoff, 22, who was alleged to have enticed the Tothorow girl to leave her home, and Pelos Kazarkian, 45, thought to be an accomplice.

An investigation by Dearborn police, instigated by Mr. Tothorow, resulted in the finding of the girl in an apartment with Mrs. Marenkoff. Screams of the girl, heard by persons passing in the street, resulted in her discovery.

Mrs. Marenkoff was reported to have come to Aquone from Dearborn and made offers of work in a Dearborn factory to several girls in the vicinity of Aquone, but only the Tothorow girl was induced to accept.

## FUNERAL HELD FOR C. W. M'GEE

Mr. C. W. McGee, born June 12, 1854, died April 6, 1932, with influenza, at the home of his son, E. S. McGee, at Copperhill, Tenn., where he had been making his home for some time. The body was brought here last Friday and the funeral was held at the Mt. Zion church Friday afternoon with the Rev. J. C. Umberger, pastor, conducting the final rites.

The deceased was married to Miss Jennie Potts in 1875 and to this union were born four children, as follows: E. S. McGee, of Copperhill, Tenn.; Miss Betty McGee, of Franklin, and George McGee, of Franklin, Route 1, and Mrs. J. M. Harrison of Franklin, deceased.

## Boys To Be Transferred To Orphanage Near Black Mountain

## PRESS CRITICIZED Editorial on Dr. Campbell 'Heartily Condemned' In Resolution

The Asheville Presbytery, in 72nd session at the West Asheville Presbyterian church, voted 27 to 17 Wednesday afternoon to close the Maxwell Farm Home for boys near Franklin at the end of the present public school session. It was decided to remove the 16 boys now being cared for at the home to the Mountain Orphanage near Black Mountain.

Disposition of the Maxwell Home property, most of which was given to the Presbytery about 20 years ago by Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Slagle as a memorial to a deceased son, was left open until the fall meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Mills River church. The Presbytery was described as holding the property "with no strings attached," but it is known that there is considerable sentiment in favor of returning it to Mr. and Mrs. Slagle.

Discussion of the Maxwell Home problem was brought up by Dr. R. F. Campbell, chairman of the home missions committee. While some contended that the home should be closed, due to financial conditions of the Presbytery, others claimed that the home had practically been self-supporting in recent months and could continue to be.

Crockett Makes Plea  
The Rev. S. R. Crockett, superintendent of the home, made a strong appeal for its continuance, declaring that suspension would "hurt terribly the Slagle Memorial church and would retard the growth of the Presbyterian denomination in Macon county."

A number of persons, Mr. Crockett said, were praying that Maxwell would remain open.

"Why sacrifice one work for others when the gain to be had is so doubtful?" he pleaded.

L. M. Murchison, elder from Hazelwood, supported Mr. Crockett's plea.

Mr. Crockett's report showed that since the last meeting of the Presbytery at Highlands last fall the school had reduced its indebtedness \$500 and that it had about \$700 more to apply on this.

The Rev. H. B. Dendy, pastor of the Weaverville Presbyterian church, and a member of the home missions committee, was one of the leaders of the group favoring suspension of the home. He said Maxwell had been given a better chance than any other work of the Presbytery and that "No place in the Presbytery had had more money lavished upon it than Maxwell."

Delegates from Macon county attending the Presbyterial session were J. E. Rice, representing the Franklin church, and Thompson Brown, representing Morrison church. Rev. J. A. Flanagan and T. M. Slagle also attended, but were without voting authority.

### Editorial Condemned

"The headlight of the opening session Tuesday," according to the Asheville Times, "was the adoption (Continued on page four)

## Co-op Poultry Sale Set for Next Week

A cooperative car-lot poultry sale will be held in Franklin Monday and at Otto on Tuesday, it was announced yesterday by F. S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent. Mr. Sloan said the following prices would be paid:

Colored hens	12c
Leghorn hens	9c
Colored fry	20c
Leghorn fry	16c
Roosters	15c
Ducks	10c
Geese	10c
Stags	5c
Turkeys	15c
Eggs, per doz.	10 1/2c

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