

## ABOUT OURSELVES

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## ABOUT MACON COUNTY

Macon County has a population of 13,400. Its area is 328,320 acres. The forest area is approximately 218,732 acres, comprising 75 per cent of the total land area. The total stand of saw timber is estimated at 485,000,000 board feet—Facts supplied by N. C. Department Conservation and Industry.

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## FRANKLIN BOY WINS CONTEST

Edward Eaton Awarded First Place in Statewide Contest

**NORMAN WEST SIXTH**  
'Relation of Forest to Fish and Game' Subject Of Essays

Edward Eaton, a senior in the Franklin high school, has been awarded the first prize in a statewide essay contest on the subject, "The Relation of Forests to Our Fish and Game," which was conducted jointly by the North Carolina Forestry association, the Izaak Walton League and the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development. More than 700 essays were submitted in the contest.

Norman West, also a member of the this year's graduating class of the Franklin high school, was awarded sixth prize in the contest.

In announcing the winners of the contest, J. S. Holmes, state forester, said:

"The winning of this essay contest by Mr. Eaton brings him \$10 in gold awarded by the North Carolina Forestry association, a bronze medal from the American Forestry association, and to his school a bronze plaque mounted on wood to be held by the school for one year.

**Compliments School.**  
"Mr. Norman West of the Franklin high school also won a place in this contest. He won sixth prize, which was \$1 in cash, awarded by the North Carolina Forestry association. I think the Franklin high school is to be congratulated on producing two members who won prize money. The teacher of English at this school is Mrs. Eloise G. Franks.

"Three members of the Forestry division force of our department judged the essays."

## BASEBALL LEAGUE IS BEING PLANNED FOR MACON COUNTY

There are plans at work in Macon county to organize a Macon county baseball league. It is hoped that as many as six communities will organize a team and then a schedule for the season will be planned.

The first team to get organized is known as West End, composed of men and boys to the west of Franklin, yet within the Franklin township.

West End's team is as follows: Sam Reese, short stop; James Cunningham, catcher; Tom Wilkes, pitcher; T. M. Green, first base; Bill Green, second base; J. D. Gibson, third base; Buster Green, center field; Zeb Childers, right field and Robert Davis, left field.

West End played the Franklin high school on Tuesday afternoon, on the grade, south of the depot at Franklin; the game resulting in a one-sided score—West End 19 and the Franklin high school 3. This was the first game for West End.

West End will play the Cartoogechaye Nine on Saturday afternoon on Crawford's bottom, a baseball field located on Cartoogechaye.

## Debt Cleared, Baptist Church Is Dedicated

Cleared of debt, the First Baptist church of Franklin was dedicated Sunday with the Rev. A. J. Smith, former pastor, preaching the morning sermon, and the Rev. W. W. Marr, also a former pastor, now of West Hickory, delivering the sermon at the evening service. The congregation was organized in 1822 and the present church building was completed in 1920.

Hundreds of Baptists, including many from out of town, attended the dedication ceremonies. The Rev. Eugene R. Eller, present pastor, has been largely instrumental in removing the debt from the church, thereby making possible its dedication.

## NEWS SUMMARY

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

### COUNTIES DELAY TAX SALES

The boards of commissioners in a number of North Carolina counties on Monday disregarded the law providing that arrangements be made then for advertising the sale of delinquent taxes for June 6. The action was in direct opposition to the local government commission which has ruled that tax sales should proceed as the law requires.

### Capone Loses Appeal

The Supreme court on Monday refused a review of the income tax evasion conviction of Al Capone, Chicago gang leader, and Capone is scheduled to start his 11-year sentence within a few days.

### Would Stabilize the Dollar

By vote of 289 to 60 the lower house on Monday passed a bill which calls on the federal reserve and the treasury department to do all possible to stabilize the dollar at its average worth between 1921 and 1929.

### Kill Army-Navy Consolidation

The lower house on Saturday defeated the proposal to consolidate the army and navy under a department of national defense. It was a major section of the much buffeted national economy bill.

### Jap Officials Bombed

One high Japanese official was killed and four seriously injured by a bomb thrown by a Korean on to a platform as the officials were reviewing a holiday parade exercise in Shanghai on Friday.

### \$3,500,000 to N. C. Farmers

The federal department of agriculture has loaned 29,000 North Carolina farmers some \$3,500,000 for purchase of seed and fertilizer this year, most of the borrowers being money crop farmers of the east.

### CONVICT 4 IN HONOLULU

After 48 hours of deliberation a verdict of manslaughter was brought in Friday by a jury at Honolulu against Lieut. Thomas H. Massie, Mrs. Granville Fortescue and two seamen for the lynching of Joseph Kahahawai. Kahahawai was one of five accused of attacking Mrs. Massie. As Judge Charles Davis prepared to pass sentence on May 6, the defense started its plan to appeal in the higher courts.

### Hoover Wins Power Contest

The senate's fight to recall the nomination of George O. Smith as chairman of the federal power commission was lost on Monday when the supreme court upheld the Hoover appointee's right to the place.

### May Day Is Quiet

The quietest May Day since the World War was seen in world capitals May 1. One radical demonstrator was killed in Spain and two in Poland. Two million paraded past the tomb of Lenin in Moscow.

## Richardson Says He'll Buy Beans in Larger Quantities

W. L. Richardson, of Macon, Ga., who has been coming to Franklin each summer for the past three or four years to buy beans, announced while on a visit here Saturday that he was planning to return this summer and would be in position to handle about twice as many beans as he bought last year. He said he had an associate, I. M. Roberts, in Plant City, Fla., who had agreed to take a large quantity.

Mr. Richardson said he expected to arrive in Franklin on about July 10, just as soon as the Macon county beans begin to develop in fair quantity. He urged that all who are interested in planting beans get in communication with him or see Fred S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent, as soon as possible. In order to bring beans in at the proper time, they

### STATE BUDGET IN ARREARS

State revenue collections are over \$3,500,000 behind budget estimates for the present fiscal year, with a deficit of some \$2,800,000 expected to be shown in the general fund at end of the year on June 30. A deficit of \$2,300,000, however, was carried over from the 1930-31 year. Negro Dies in the Chair

### Seek Slayer in Mountains

Jonas Massie, 20, is being sought in the mountains of Madison county as the slayer of Marvin Johnson, who was shot eight times with a pistol at his home in Barnard, Sunday night. The quarrel is said to have been over Massie's attentions to Mrs. Johnson.

### Slain by Highwaymen

Slowness in raising his hands at the command of two highwaymen who invaded his filling station north of Reidsville, Saturday night, was a fatal mistake for J. W. Carter, 62. Both fired and Carter died with seven bullet wounds. The robbers escaped without taking any money.

### French Election Held

Premier Tardieu and other French political leaders won their fights in Sunday's national election for seats in the national assembly. Observers say the forces of Edouard Herriot have a strong chance to upset the Tardieu government.

### Bankhead Retains Seat

By 64 to 38 the senate last week decided John H. Bankhead shall retain his place as senator from Alabama and blasted the hopes of J. Thomas Heflin seeking to unseat Bankhead on election fraud charges.

### Jack Thomas Is Taken

Jack Thomas, 25, Chatham county man accused of doing the shooting in which Ashby Penn, university student from Reidsville, was seriously injured near Chapel Hill, March 31, was arrested Friday in New York. Elwood Johnson and Lawrence Armstrong were already in custody as members of the party. Robert G. Thompson, former police chief at Mt. Holly, is still sought as the fourth man. Penn was shot as an officer attempted arrest of the four for a Chapel Hill robbery.

### Farm Board to Sell Cotton

A depleted treasury is given by the federal farm board as the reason for its announced intention of placing 650,000 bales of stabilization cotton on the market beginning August 1. It is half the board's holdings of the 1929 crop bought at 16.3 cents per pound.

### Governors Dine at White House

Governors of 24 states, attending annual sessions in Richmond, were guests of President Hoover in a dinner at the White House, April 28. Roosevelt, New York; Ritchie, Maryland; and Pinchot, Pennsylvania, all prominent as candidates for the presidency, were among the guests.

## PETITIONS ASK ROAD EXTENSION

Many Sign Request To Extend U. S. Highway 25-W Through This Section

Petitions urging the extension of federal highway No. 25-W from Knoxville, Tenn., to Augusta, Ga., through the Great Smoky Mountains National park and via Bryson City, Franklin and Highlands, are being circulated throughout Macon county. The petitions were prepared under the direction of J. E. Lancaster, chairman of a committee of the Franklin Rotary club appointed to promote the proposed extension of U. S. 25-W.

Individual residents are being urged, not only to sign these petitions, but also to write the state highway commission in furtherance of the proposed route, which would put Franklin and Highlands on one of the main tourist thoroughfares between the Ohio Valley and north central states to Georgia and Florida. Several score persons in Franklin and Highlands already have signed the petitions.

At present U. S. highway No. 25, which originates at Port Huron, Mich., splits at Corbin, Ky., into 25-E and 25-W. The eastern route continues through Cumberland Gap on south to Asheville. The western route goes to Knoxville and then cuts across to Asheville, where it joins 25-E. It has been suggested that 25-W be relocated so as to pass through the new national park and continue on to Augusta before rejoining 25-E. It is pointed out that this not only would shorten the route for many travelers but also would afford one of the most scenic trips the southern mountain region can offer.

Asheville and other towns on U. S. 25-E are vigorously opposing the proposed change, fearing that many tourists now using that route will be diverted to the proposed western branch of U. S. highway 25 because of its superior advantages.

A copy of the road petition is on file in The Press office and those who have not signed it are urged to come in and do so. The petition reads:

TO THE HONORABLE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OF NORTH CAROLINA:

We, the undersigned citizens and

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## DR. COIT HEARD BY ROTARIANS

School Head Sees Failure of Big Business in Solving Human Problems

"Mass production has gotten the world unbalanced," Dr. J. K. Coit, associate superintendent of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school, told the Franklin Rotary club at its weekly luncheon meeting at the Scott Griffin hotel Wednesday.

"Business is an art," he declared, "rather than a science and one of the principal troubles with big business today is that its leaders have tried to make of it a science."

He expressed the opinion that where the human element looms so large, as in business, it could not be reduced to cold-blooded scientific formulae. He blamed business and industry largely for the breakdown of many human lives and pointed to the increase of sufferers from nervous afflictions as an example of the modern trend. Dr. Coit refrained from prescribing any definite remedies, preferring to let his address suffice with its provocation of thought, but he did suggest that the remedy might be found in a back-to-the-soil movement with the view of making each family unit more self sufficient.

In the course of his address Dr. Coit quoted Roger W. Brabson, famous economist and business prophet, to illustrate the importance of the spiritual element in everyday life. The quotation follows: "The great electrical era which the world is enjoying today is primarily due to two men—one, Charles P. Steinmetz, who for thirty years was chief engineer of the General Electric company, and the other, Thomas A. Edison.

"During the last year of Steinmetz's life, he spent a week at my home in Wellesley. The last evening of his visit I asked him

## Ingram Pulls Surprise; Announces as Candidate For State Legislature

Political developments in Macon county took an unexpected turn this week with the announcement Wednesday by C. L. Ingram, former sheriff, of his candidacy for representative in the legislature, subject to the Democratic primary. As there had been considerable speculation as to whether Mr. Ingram would run again for sheriff in opposition to A. B. Slagle, the incumbent, his announcement for representative came as the first major surprise of the political open season.

In his announcement Mr. Ingram expressed the opinion that he could be of better service to the county at this time as representative than he could in any other capacity.

Sam Howard, of Tryphosa, also has made formal announcement of his candidacy for the

legislature, subject to the Democratic primary.

Sheriff Slagle and C. T. Bryson, register of deeds, thus far have an open road ahead of them for renomination by the Democrats to their respective offices.

Although notices must be filed with the county board of elections on or before May 20, in order for one's name to go on the primary ballots, no candidates have come out for the county board of commissioners.

Kelly Bennett, of Bryson City, has announced himself a candidate for reelection to the state senate from the 33rd district. Edmund B. Norvell, Murphy attorney, and R. A. Patton, of Macon county, also are candidates for the position. Rev. A. S. Solesbee, Macon county Baptist preacher, is expected to seek the Republican nomination for senator.

## NO. 28 TO OPEN IN FEW WEEKS

More Crushed Stone and Binder Of Asphalt Being Placed On Highway

Highway No. 28, which is receiving an asphalt surface between Highlands and Franklin, will be reopened to traffic within two or three weeks, it is estimated by officials. Parts of the highway have had to be treated with a new layer of crushed stone in order for the asphalt binder to be effectively applied.

As a result of having to haul stone to No. 28, trucks have been transferred from No. 282, which is being surfaced between Highlands and the Georgia line, so that work is temporarily slowed down on No. 282.

It will require a month longer to complete the surfacing of No. 28 between Gneiss and the Jackson county line, five miles east of Highlands. The entire stretch between Gneiss and the Jackson line is approximately 17 miles.

## REV. J. S. SMILEY DIES AT HIS HOME IN BRYSON CITY

Mrs. Sam Womack, of East Franklin received a message the first of this week of the death of her brother, the Rev. John S. Smiley at his home at Bryson City. Mr. Smiley was a Baptist minister and often preached in the country churches in Macon county. He has many friends who will regret to learn of his death.

## MISSIONARY ZONE MEETING TO BE HELD AT UNION CHURCH

The zone meeting of the Woman's Missionary societies of the Methodist churches of Macon county will meet at Union church on Tuesday afternoon, May 10, at 2 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend.

## Three Barely Escape Death When Fire Destroys Home

Mr. and Mrs. Boise Hall and their 10-months-old child barely escaped burning to death early Sunday morning in their home two miles west of Franklin on Highway No. 28. Mr. Hall awoke about 1 o'clock to find the room a mass of flames and smoke. Part of the ceiling caved in before he had time to get his wife and child out of the house.

Mr. Hall suffered burns about his hands, but besides this and the nervous shock, no one was injured. The origin of the fire was not learned. Mr. Hall said he had had a fire in a grate but had extinguished it before going to bed. A six-year-old son of the Halls was provisionally spending the night with his grandmother, Mrs. May-

## Barn Burns to Ground; Fire-Fighters Helpless

Franklin's volunteer fire company went to a fire Thursday morning but it didn't have enough hose to reach from the nearest water plug to the fire. The fire-fighters, therefore, could do little but stand around and watch while Jack Weyman's barn on the Bryson City road, just inside the town limits, burned to the ground. Luckily, the barn was a fair distance from the house and chicken roost, else these might also have caught fire and burned.

A mule belonging to J. E. Perry was burned to death and two pigs were so badly burned that they had to be shot.

The origin of the fire was unknown.

## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. W. G. HALL

Many Attend Funeral of Well Known Franklin Woman at Methodist Church

Mrs. W. G. Hall, 43, died at her home on Bonny Crest Sunday night about 11 o'clock after an illness of two months. Death was attributed to neuritis.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. O. P. Adair, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the First Baptist church, the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, the Rev. N. C. Duncan, pastor of the Episcopal church, and the Rev. H. C. Freeman, pastor of the Franklin circuit.

### Member Methodist Church

The deceased was a member of the Methodist church, having joined in early childhood. She was a splendid neighbor, one that will be greatly missed in her community.

Mrs. Hall was formerly Miss Pauline Penland, daughter of Mrs. Sally Penland and the late D. W. Penland. She was married to Mr. Penland.

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## MACON PAPERS CONSOLIDATED

The Franklin Press Acquires Highlands Maconian's Circulation

TO SERVE BOTH TOWNS

J. J. Moore To Continue Operation Of Highlands Printing Company

The circulation, good will and title of The Highlands Maconian, formerly published by J. J. Moore at Highlands, have been acquired by The Franklin Press. Beginning with this issue the two newspapers will be consolidated and published under the double masthead—The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian.

Under the consolidation arrangement The Franklin Press will fill the subscription list of The Maconian. Where there is a duplication of subscriptions, the expiration dates will be set forward and subscribers of The Maconian who have not been subscribing to The Press will be placed on its subscription list.

To Maintain News Bureau

Arrangements have been made for Mr. Moore to represent the consolidated newspapers in Highlands. He will maintain a news bureau in the office of the Highlands Printing company and, besides reporting the news of Highlands and vicinity, he also will continue to solicit subscriptions and advertising.

The consolidation of The Press and The Maconian in no way affects the ownership or management of the Highlands Printing company, which Mr. Moore will continue to operate as a commercial printing plant.

The editor of The Franklin Press sincerely hopes the new arrangement will result in a better paper for all the people of the county. With Mr. Moore's cooperation, he expects to give Highlands complete news coverage and to render service to that community on the same high plane established by The Maconian. A special page will be devoted to Highlands news and advertising and news from there of general countywide interest will be placed on the front page.

### Circulation Increased

Through the consolidation The Franklin Press has increased its circulation by 271, with nearly 100 of the new subscribers in Highlands. This places the total circulation of the combined newspapers at approximately 1,200, thereby assuring advertisers better coverage throughout the county. Despite this increase in circulation, however, no change will be made in the advertising rates of The Press. Thus, advertisers, both in Franklin and Highlands, will get a considerably greater value for their advertising dollars.

### Plan Special Edition

In the near future a special tourist edition is planned. This probably will be in celebration of the opening of Highway No. 28 between Franklin and Highlands. An asphalt binder is now being placed on the road.

The Highlands Maconian was established in the fall of 1930 by J. J. Moore and J. W. Street, formerly of Franklin, and the first

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## Fishing Season Open Only for Trout and Musky

Fred Slagle, assistant district forest, fish and game warden, pointed out this week that the fishing season is now open only for trout and muskallunge, the season on bass, bream and other varieties being closed until June 10.

C. A. Waldrop, county game and fish warden, also has requested that it be pointed out that fishing licenses are required of women as well as men but that boys and girls under 16 are permitted to fish without a license.

Here's some more news for fishermen: Eight thousand large mouth bass minnows were dumped in Lake Emory the other day and several thousand more are expected to arrive soon. The bass, about an inch to two inches in size, were obtained from the federal hatchery at Warm Springs, Ga., by Wade Arvey, C. S. Brown, W. W. McConnell, Doral Ashe and Frank Curtis.