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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 24,732 acres, comprising 7.5 per cent of the total land area.

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MANY CANDIDATES SEEK OFFICE

MISSING BABY'S BODY IS FOUND

Remains of Lindbergh, Jr., Found in Thicket Near Home

CURTIS CONFESSES Intermediary Admits His Operations Conducted As Hoax

Developments in the Lindbergh baby kidnaping case have followed thick and fast since the discovery of the child's body in a thicket not five miles from his parents' home in the Sourland hills near Hopewell, N. J., last Thursday.

Japanese Premier Slain

Eight military terrorists, at Tokio on Sunday, shot their way into the home of Premier Inukai of Japan and assassinated him.

N. C. Leads in Hosiery

Producing 33,000,000 dozens, North Carolina leads the nation in hosiery production in 1929, the census shows.

Prisoner Captures Jail

For 10 hours on Saturday, James Sizemore was king of the "bull pen" in the Charlotte jail after he had snatched a pistol from a policeman.

Death Comes to Crowder

Death from pneumonia came to General Enoch Crowder at Washington, on Saturday.

Exonerated of Kidnaping

After more questioning by police and a formal court trial Curtis was exonerated Thursday of any connection with the Lindbergh case.

MRS. J. E. RICE'S BROTHER DIES AT LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Mrs. J. E. Rice received word Thursday of the death of her brother, Mr. Hugh Dunlap, at his home in Little Rock, Ark.

District U. D. C. Meet Coming Here Next May

The next annual spring district meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Western North Carolina will be held in Franklin sometime during May, 1933.

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

YOUNG NOT A CANDIDATE

Owen D. Young, financier, announced unequivocally Monday that he would not accept the Democratic nomination for the presidency even if it offered to him by the convention.

Unveil Aycock Statue May 20

The unveiling of the statue of Charles B. Aycock, which the state is placing in statuary hall in the national capitol, will be made on May 20.

Robert Dollar Dies

Robert Dollar, 89, Scotch by birth, came to this country as a boy and in an eventful life built up a shipping business girdling the globe.

Members of the American Civil Liberties union, headed by Arthur G. Hayes, were denied permission to enter the Kentucky coal field dispute area last week on grounds that disturbances might result.

Identify French Assassin

The man who shot and killed Paul Doumer, president of France, last week was identified as a man named Zolotarev, a former commissar of Soviet Russia.

Dedicate Washington Temple

The Masonic order's impressive and lofty stone temple honoring George Washington was dedicated at Alexandria, Va., on May 12, with President Hoover as the guest of honor.

Bury President of France

A million Frenchmen lined the streets of Paris to witness impressive national rites for Paul Doumer, France's assassinated president, on Thursday, May 12.

T. J. WILLIAMSON, OF WASHINGTON, DIES IN ACCIDENT

Mr. T. J. Williamson, of Washington, D. C., was killed in an automobile accident Tuesday, according to a telegram received here Wednesday morning by Mrs. R. L. Porter.

ON VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Todd and little daughter left Sunday for Windsor, N. C., for a week's vacation. Mr. Todd is general manager of the A&P store.

Great New York Fire

Damage of \$1,500,000 was done the Cunard line pier system in New York by a fire which started early Friday with 700 men battling the flames for 26 hours.

Flower Exhibit Planned By Garden Club for August

The fourth annual Macon county flower show will be held early in August, it has been announced by the Franklin Garden club, which sponsors the floral exhibit each year.

- 1.—Collection of gladioli. 2.—Finest and best variety of snapdragons. 3.—Collection of giant zinnias. 4.—Collection of pom pom zinnias. 5.—Prettiest combination of three different flowers in vase, bowl or basket. 6.—Collection of dahlias. 7.—Largest and most perfect single dahlia. 8.—Best collection of marigolds. 9.—Greatest variety of mixed wild flowers. 10.—Newest or most unusual flower. 11.—Best potted flower. 12.—Prettiest miniature vase. 13.—Collection of mixed flowers. 14.—Grand sweepstakes.

BENNETT MAPS HIS PLATFORM

Opposes State Tax on Land For Constitutional School Term

Reduction in governmental expenditures so that taxes may be cut, removal of all tax on land for the support of the constitutional school term, and state maintenance of school buses are outlined by State Senator Kelly E. Bennett, of Bryson City, as the major points of the platform on which he is seeking re-election.

Oldest Candidate Files

At age of 87, Col. J. D. Hodges has filed in Davie county his Democratic candidacy for the lower house of the legislature, to cinch the title of North Carolina's oldest political candidate.

Hold 3 for Shooting

Jack Thomas, Elwood Johnson and Lawrence Armstrong were bound to the higher court in preliminary trial at Chapel Hill, Friday. Thomas, recently taken in New York, was named by Ashby Penn, university student, as the man who shot him as Penn aided in an effort to arrest four men for an attempted robbery.

The Finance Problem

"Undoubtedly, the major problem to come before the next legislature is that of finance. Budgets must be balanced in order to be able to reduce taxes. Put in plain words, State, County, and towns must make ends meet, spending must be decreased and revenue must be provided so that bonded debt will (Continued on page eight)

VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT DIES

Harley N. Keener Succumbs To Injuries Received 3 Weeks Ago

Harley N. Keener, 30, died in Angel Brothers' hospital Friday morning, May 13, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on the Georgia road about three weeks ago.

Burial was at Walnut Creek cemetery at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon with the Rev. H. C. Freeman, pastor of the Franklin circuit, conducting the services.

Mr. Keener had been foreman on a construction job at Gilbertsville, Mass., until recently, when he returned to his home at Gneiss. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Myrtle Fulton; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keener, and three brothers, Wendell Keener of the United States Marines, stationed at San Francisco; Howard Keener, of Washington, D. C., and Randolph Keener, of Gilbertsville, Mass.

Mr. Keener was one of the best known young men in the county. More than 500 persons attended his funeral.

Wade Hampton and Claud Justice Caught, Jailed

Wade Hampton, wanted for assault, highway robbery, larceny and violation of the prohibition laws and Claud Justice, charged with violation of the prohibition laws, were arrested at Yadkinville, Yadkin county, last week and were brought back to Macon county and placed in jail Saturday by Sheriff Slagle and Deputy Mallonee.

Arthur Woods, of the Aquone section, was arrested Friday, May 13, charged with violation of the prohibition laws and placed under \$300 bond. Arnold Bradshaw and J. F. Fuget were arrested Sunday and jailed on liquor charges.

MRS. CARPENTER ILL

The many friends of Mrs. George Carpenter, who has been ill for several weeks, will regret to learn that her condition is unimproved.

Prospects Good for Paving Highway 28 West of Town; Routing of 25-W Undecided

Road matters of importance to this section were discussed by E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the state highway commission, with Franklin and Bryson City business men here Saturday morning.

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PRESS LAUDED AND CRITICIZED

Editorial on Extension of U. S. 25-W Evokes Replies

A letter congratulating The Franklin Press on its efforts to encourage the proposed extension of U. S. highway 25-W from Knoxville through Franklin to Augusta, Ga., has been received by the editor from Major S. A. Harris, a former publisher of this newspaper.

Another letter criticizing The Press' espousal of the 25-W movement has been received from Fred J. Weede, secretary of the Asheville chamber of commerce, who expressed the opinion that Franklin and other communities favoring the extension are unappreciative of what Asheville has done for Western North Carolina.

Maj. Harris' Letter "Please allow me to congratulate you on the fight you are making to have U. S. Highway 25-W come through Franklin. Of course, this is the logical route and the one North Carolina should approve. The scenery from Knoxville to Walhalla is the most inspiring to be found east of the Mississippi. This route, as you have so ably pointed out, will give the tourists an opportunity to pass through the (Continued on page eight)

G. O. P. COUNTY TICKET NAMED

W. J. West Is Endorsed For Representative by Committee

At a meeting of the Republican executive committee for Macon county held on last Saturday, in the office of R. D. Sisk, the following men were endorsed on a county ticket:

W. J. West, for county representative; R. M. Coffey, for sheriff; C. B. Stockton, for register of deeds; J. D. Franks for surveyor; J. M. Corbin for coroner; J. O. Harrison, Robert Rogers and John H. Dean for county commissioners. This week W. H. Green has filed as a candidate for county commissioner, subject to the action of the Republican party.

SINGING MEET SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 29

The Macon county quarterly singing convention will be held in the courthouse at Franklin on Sunday, May 29, it was announced Thursday by J. M. Raby, president of the convention. The program is to be announced later. All choirs, quartets and individual singers in the county are invited to attend and take part.

Sloan Urges Macon Farmers To Attend Livestock Meet

F. S. Sloan, county agent, expressed the hope Wednesday that the livestock growers of Macon county will be well represented at the livestock field day to be held Wednesday, May 25, at the Lenoir Gwyn farm in Haywood county.

At this meeting, which has been arranged by leaders of the Western North Carolina 5-10 Year program, plans for the establishment of a livestock market in Western North Carolina will be outlined. The meeting at the Gwyn farm is scheduled to open at 11 o'clock in the morning. Those interested in attending who have no means of conveyance are requested to get in touch with Mr. Sloan or with Sam L. Franks, co-chairman of the 5-10 Year movement in this county. Experts from Atlanta, Raleigh and other points will be on hand at the field day exercises to show the farmers the type of cattle, hogs and sheep best suited for the market. It has been estimated that at least 110,000 stock hogs, alone, will be required in this section to produce animals for the market on the hoof. Negotiations looking to the development of a livestock market in Western North Carolina have been carried on by Bruce Webb, promotion manager of the Asheville Citizen and the Asheville Times, with E. S. Pany, manager of the White Provision company, Atlanta subsidiary of Swift and company. The Gwyn farm, where the field day will take place, is located 10 miles from Canton on the east fork of Pigeon river.

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Others who have served notice of their candidacy for county commissioner are Erwin Long, (Dem.) Franklin; Robert Ramsey, (Dem.) Tellico; Robert Stamey, (Dem.) Route 2; D. J. Moses, (Dem.) Ellijay; J. H. Dean, (Rep.) Route 3; R. H. Rogers (Rep.) Prentiss; W. H. Green, (Rep.) Route 1.

W. D. Barnard, present chairman of the board, had not filed notice Thursday morning of his candidacy for reelection, but there was little doubt that he would do so before Friday night. Walter Gibson, also a member of the present board, was reported undecided as to whether he would run again. Commissioner Charles McClure, who has been in ill health for several months, was not expected to enter the contest.

There has been considerable talk of other possible candidates for commissioner, with Gus Leach, of Highlands, prominently mentioned. W. C. Sheffield, of West's Mill, also is looked upon as a possible candidate. None of these, however, has definitely announced himself. It is understood that Mr. Potts has been urged to run by Franklin people as well as by many in Highlands but thus far he has declined to accede to their requests.

Other Contests For register of deeds there are only two candidates—C. T. Bryson, (Dem.) and C. B. Stockton (Rep.) There are also two candidates for sheriff—A. B. Slagle (Dem.) and R. M. Coffey (Rep.) Neither Mr. Bryson nor Mr. Slagle had formally filed Thursday morning but there was no doubt that they would.

Only two had filed for representative—Sam Howard (Dem.) Tryphosa, and W. J. West (Rep.) West's Mill. C. L. Ingram is expected to file. J. A. Porter announced that he had decided not to run and endorsed Mr. Ingram.

In the state senatorial race R. (Continued on page eight)

Corn Quoted at Aquone 70 Cents Bu., \$9 Gal.

This from a correspondent at Aquone: "When reading the papers we see quite a bit about repealing the 18 amendment. It seems as if it had been repealed at Aquone & Kyle already. The market price of corn don't seem to be advancing. Corn seventy cts per bushel in dry form and nine dollars in liquid form."

If shelled corn brings 70 cents and distilled corn \$9, as our correspondent states, Aquone has escaped the depression. In other sections of the county, it is reported, the grain price ranges from 35 to 50 cents and the liquid price from \$1.50 or \$2 a gallon at the still to \$2.50 to \$5 a gallon delivered.