Macon County has a population of 13,400. Its area is 328,320 acres. The forest area is approximately 243,752 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 Indus-

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FRANKLIN, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1932

Address Delivered by Rev. Dr. Melton Clark, of Decatur, Ga.

GRADUATION FRIDAY

57 Members in Senior Class; List of Graduates Not Announced

Graduation exercises of the Franklin high school began Wednesday night with delivery of the baccalaureat address at the Methodist church by the Rev. Melton Clark, D. D., president and professor of English Bible at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur,

There are 57 members of the senior class, 37 girls and 20 boys, but the names of those who had passed their examinations and are eligible for diplomas had not been made public Thursday afternoon However, it was expected that a large majority of the class would be graduated. The senior class roll will be found on page 6 of this issue, together with the names of the graduates of the Highlands high school.

Diplomas will be presented the graduates at simple exercises in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock Friday night. At the same time seventh grade certificates will be given to 75 boys and girls who passed the recent high school entrance examinations.

No Graduation Speaker
G. L. Houk, principal of the Franklin school, said that due to a

statewide essay contest on "The making a total for the county of Relation of Forests to Our Fish ninety. representative of the State Depart- en at the Franklin school came Asheville, is expected to attend and Game" will be presented ment of Conservation and Develop- from the following schools:

said in his baccalaureate address 1, Walnut Creek 1, Pine Grove 2, Wednesday night."

Taking for his theme, Debt We Owe the Past," Dr. Clark based his message on the tion were given key numbers and afternoon, and will be entertained text: "God, having provided some in announcing those who had pass- by members of the Auxiliary of better things for us, that they, ed Professor Billings gave a list St. Agnes church. apart from us, should not be made of numbers instead of names. Fol-

perfect." Picturing the sweep of human life back through the generations of lives that have entered into the making of the present, the speaker graphically presented the relation of past to present, and the responsibility of each life to pay its debt to the past that it may pass on something better to future generations.

Life's Responsibilities "Far back in the past, into which you may look but cannot influence there is that which has made you what you are and has had an in- presented at the high school gradcalcuble, inescapable influence over uation exercises Friday night. you Men and women who have loved and labored and suffered. the glory and happiness and suffering of the past is united with North Carolina corporation comus. Your life represents a little mission, was among the visitors Franklin Boy Heads segment of the whole pattern that here last week. began behind you and that will go on after you. The wellbeing of those who have lived before is connected with you and they call up- at Franklin, and Wednesday at dent of the bar association of on you to finish that which they Otto, netted the farmers of Ma- Duke University. The association, have begun. Thus the past presents a constant challenge to the present to preserve that for which other lives struggled and could not complete. The past speaks to the present: 'My voice cannot be heard, my life is over, but it is not finished. Give back what you owe to the mute lives of dear ones best and the finest things in life."

A large congregation of friends and relatives of the young people of the graduating class enjoyed the address and the beautiful music rendered by the choir composed of voices from the several congregations of Franklin, The Rev. J. A. Flanagan introduced the speak-

Mail Carriers' Picnic To Be Held on May 30

The annual picnic of the rural letter carriers of the Western section of this state will be held at the Nantahala National Forest camp ground, at the foot of Wayah Bald, 9 miles from

Franklin, on May 30.
State President Thomas S.

Highway Commission Acts Favorably on Road Request

ignation of a federal highway route ies to Augusta. from Knoxville through the Great favorable to a plan for some fedvia Bryson City, Franklin and al park, but certain members ex-Highlands, to Augusta, Ga., ac-cording to reports brought back by out of their province to urge any a delegation which appeared before particular route number. The comthe state highway commission at mission adopted a resolution favor-Raleigh Tuesday morning.

meeting of the highway body by section of Western North Carolina J. E. Lancaster, Sheriff A. B. to Augusta. Byrne. Bryson City was repre- Franklin and Bryson City business Bennett and John Randolph.

tension of U. S. highway No. 25-W the Ohio valley region.

Prospects are good for the des-1 from Knoxville through the Smok-

moky Mountains National Park, eral route through the new nationing some federal designation of the Franklin was represented at the route from Knoxville through this

Slagle, J. S. Conley and John B. Efforts are still being made by sented by State Senator Kelly E men to secure U. S. 25-W, however, as this route starts in Mich-The group put before the com- igan and comes through Cleveland, mission a request that it lend its carrying a large stream of tourists influence in bringing about the ex- from the north central states and

Morning at St. Agnes

Church

The afternoon session will con-

Guests from more distant points

The women of the other church-

MANAGERS FOR

In the governor's race, in the

lune primary, the three democratic

candidates have appointed a man-

ager for Macon county. Mr. A. J. Maxwell's manager is J. Frank

Ray; Mr. R. T. Fountain's man-

ager is Frank I. Murray, clerk of

court; and Mr. John C. B. Ehring-

haus' manager is Earl Lancaster

manager of the H. Arthur Osborne

Duke Bar Association

Y. W. A. TO MEET

Baptist church will meet at 3

o'clock Sunday p. m., it was an-

Lumber company at Franklin.

of the law school.

COUNTY NAMED

GUBERNATORIAL

lowing is a list of the numeral es in Franklin are cordially invited

noon sessions.

Woman's Auxiliary To Hold District Conference Here

GRADE EXAMS

Enter High School Made Public

the high school entrance examinations and will be admitted to the in the following towns: Franklin high school next fall, it was announced Wednesday by Prohitch in arrangements, there would fessor M. D. Billings, county sup- Murphy, Saluda, Tryon, Upward, be no special graduation speaker. erintendent of schools. Twelve Franklin. Prizes recently awarded Ted pupils passed the examinations at Eaton and Norman West in a Highlands and three at Otter Creek, the guests, and luncheon will be

by a The 75 who passed the tests giv- president, Mrs. Sheldon Leavitt, of

Franklin 33, Slagle 3, Holly district vice-president, Miss Char-Springs 2, Higdonville 6, Iotla 6, lottt B. Elliott, of Highlands. Oth-"That which comes to you out of the past has an inescapable influence upon you," Dr. Melton Cowee 2, Liberty 2, Hickory Knoll to be in attendance. Clarks Chapel 2, Rainbow Springs tinue until 3 p. m.

"The 1, Gold Mine 1 and Mulberry 1. The pupils taking the examina- are expected to arrive on Monday

designations of those who passed: to attend both morning and after-2 - 4 - 5 - 8 - 11 - 14 - 15 16 - 18 - 21 - 22 - 23 - 24 - 27 30 - 31 - 33 - 34 - 37 - 41 - 42 43 - 44 - 45 - 49 - 52 - 53 - 54 63 - 65 - 66 - 67 - 75 - 78 - 83 84 - 86 - 90 - 99 - 102 - 103 105 - 107 - 108 - 109 - 114 - 117 131 - 133 - 135 - 143 - 152 - 153 158 - 159 - 162 - 165 - 166 - 167 176 - 177 - 181 - 188 - 193 - 194 196 - 199 - 200 - 201 - 202 - 206

207 - 208 - 211. Seventh grade certificates will be

LEE VISITS FRANKLIN

W. T. Lee, chairman of the

\$732 FOR CHICKENS The poultry sale of last Tuesday, Franklin, has been elected presicon county \$732 through the sale the second of its kind in the Unit of a total of 5,985 pounds of poul- ed States, is composed of students the Cowee baseball team will be

On May 20 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sorrell, at their home on Route 2.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James nounced by Miss Ina Henry, leadthat have striven to give you the Thad Ashe, of Millshoal, a son on cr. Miss Henry urges that all fined to his home with an attack Thursday, May 5.

Tubercular Tests Being Given Macon County Cattle

N. B. Tyler, veterinary for the state department of agriculture, has been working for several days in Macon county to see if any tuberculosis cases exist among the cattle of the county. His work is more of a check-up on herds that were found to have been infected some five years ago, when all cattle of the county were tested. Thus far, not a single case of positive reaction

the four largest milk herds in the county, which are used as dary herds, the people of Franklin who buy milk may rest assured that the following dairymen's herds are tuberculosis free: A. B. Slable, Jake Addington, Gilmer Crawford and Sam L. Franks.

At this time there will not be a test made upon all cattle of the county, but this is a checkup on previous sections that were infested at the last test for T. B. about five years ago.

Father of Jos. and Mitchel Ashear; Native of Syria

Nissar Ashear, 76, died at the home of his son, Joe Ashear, Satfrom a sudden heart attack. Although he had been in ill health for about three months, his death was very sudden and unexpected. Funeral services were held at the First , Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, assisted by the Rev. O. P. Ader, pastor of the Methodist church, the Rev. J A. Fianagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. N. C. Duncan, pastor of the Episcopal

Prior to the services at the church a short Syrian service was held at the home by Father Paul Rask, of Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Ashear arrived in America Dec. 22, 1922, from Lebanon, Syria, and since then had made his home Meeting To Open Tuesday with his son, Joseph Ashear, prominent Franklin merchant. He was a member of the Catholic church in Syria and was always a faith-The spring meeting of the second ful Christian.

List of Pupils Eligible To of the Episcopal church in West- of Franklin: George Ashear of during the last few weeks, was St. Agnes church on Tuesday, May Los Angeles, Calif.; Elias Ashear, St. Agnes church on Tuesday, May Cario, Egypt, and three daughters, dition, and is expected to prove of the Holy Communion at 10 a. Churches represented by at-Seventy-five pupils have passed m. Churches represented by attendance of women of the district Martha Ashear, of Franklin.

include members of the auxiliary M. Moore, Alex Moore, John H. al miles towards Highlands, runley and Wade Arvey.

Highlands, Brevard, Hendersonville, Bat Cave, Cullowhee, Sylva, The local branch will entertain served at 1 o'clock on the grounds of St. Agnes church. The diocesan Nijjar, of Marietta, Ga., and preside in the absence of the Mr. Solomen Maloof, of Bryson City, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maloof, of Helen, Ga.

Democratic Township

Meetings Are Called Albert Ramsey, county chairman of the Democratic party for Macon county, has been asked by O. M. Mull. Democratic chairman for the state, to call a precinct meeting in each precinct, on the day of the primary, June 4. These precinct meetings will be held to elect delegates to the County Democratic convention of June 11. At the county Democratic convention delegates for the state convention, to be held on June 16, will be selected.

Press Late This Week; "Aunt Bertha" Contrary

"Aunt Bertha" got contrary this week and almost refused to work. She takes spells that way once in a while. That's why The Press is late in coming out this week. "Aunt Bertha," by the way, is the press which has been burning out this newspaper for the past 26 years and no one knows how many other papers in other communities before she came to Frank-

William S. McGuire, son of Mr. Box Supper To Be Given At Cowee School, June 3

A box supper for the benefit of given at 8 o'clock in the evening. Friday, June 3, at the Cowee school house. Music will be furnished by The Y. W. A. of the Franklin the Cowee Ramblers.

> Mr. Claude Henry has, been conof appendicitis for the last few

Lyman Higdon Catches Season's Largest Trout

Lyman Higdon, manager of the Macon County Supply company, is the champion trout fisherman of Macon. He caught a rainbow trout near Higdonville May 22 which measured 17 1-2 inches and tipped the scales at one pound and eleven ounces. Besides this, he also caught several other nice ones. On Wayah creek Friday and Saturday anglers went after the mountain beauties. Several of

this number caught the limit of 25-and it is estimated that something over 500 trout were

Bowie Scheduled To Speak At Courthouse Monday Night ABSENTEE

J. N. Lowe Has 'Father Goard' 116 Years Old Mr. J. N. Lowe, of lotla, had a goard in town Tuesday which

he said is 116 years old and holds one and a half bushels. This goard was raised on Mason branch, about five miles from Franklin on the Bryson City road, by Mr. Lowe's grandfather, Bill Mason. It came from a volunteer vine which grow at an abandoned Indian hut which stood near Mr. Mason's home. The goard, still in perfect condition, has been used as a "feather goard" through several generations.

NO. 28 OPENED

Road in Perfect Condition; Treated with Asphalt Oil Binder

Highway No. 28 between Highlands and Franklin, which has been Those surviving are his four treated with an asphalt oil binder

The highway is in perfect con-Mrs. S. Gorra, Mrs. Charles Ash- itself one of the most popular season. It follows the rugged Cul-Pall bearers were: Messrs John lasaja gorge from Gneiss for sever-Thomas, R. M. Coffey, C. S. Til- ning along the faces of cliffs, above picturesque waterfalls, behind Brid-The out-of-town relatives and al Veil falls near Highlands, and the state asking for assistance: friends here to attend the funeral beside beautiful Lake Sequoyah included Messrs C. G. Najour, Nick near the city limits of Highlands. TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES

Najour, Joe Maloof, Clife Maloof, Surfacing is continuing on Route Mack Maloof, Mick Maloof, J. A. 28 from Highlands to the Jackson- Dear Brothers and Sisters:-Azar, Paul Rask, and A. J. Simon, Macon line at Whitesides moun-

Highlands. Highlands and the Georgia line, a the congregation. Fourth street, and will be treated other necessary materials and in entire life in Macon county. He with an asphalt binder from Main the erection of the building. to the intersection of Dillard street. righway officials have announced. No plans for placing a binder on

is 14 feet in width.

is completed on No. 282. Sam Kelly Greenwood

Mr. Sam Kelly Greenwood arived here last Thursday for a two-months visit with his grandnother, Mrs. Mark Kelly. Mr. Greenwood for the past two years Fruit company at Santa Monta, 1º Columbia, South America.

Installs Bowling Alley In Old Franks Building

Mack Franks has installed a bowling alley in the old Frank's building on East Main street. This is a new amusement for the town of Franklin; years ago there was a boxball alley, but this is the first bowling alley.

Tam C. Bowie, of West Jefferson, candidate for United States Senator, is scheduled to speak at 8 o'clock Monday night in the

Macon county courthouse. Mr. Bowie, himself a mountain man, is making a strong bid for the vote of the western counties. He is the first candidate for a major office to take the stump in Franklin in the present campaign A-good audience is fairly well as-

sured for him. Another speaker also will appear at the courthouse Monday night. He is Edmund B. Norvel, Murphy counties of Cherokee, Clay, Graham chairman of the county Democratand Swain. He has arranged to ic executive committee. speak at the courthouse at 7:30 p.

TO HIGHLANDS SEEK FUNDS TO

Has the Lumber but Not the Money

The building committee of the Pine Grove Baptist church, which was burned to the ground during the winter, is endeavoring to raise funds with which to reconstruct the church building in time for the Macon county Baptist convention, day, which is scheduled to meet there in August. Copies of the following circular letters are being sent to Baptist congregations throughout OF NORTH CAROLINA.

of Atlanta, Ga; Mr. and Mrs. A. Macon line at whitesides mount of the Macon County association These men were E. W. Long, can-Nijjar, of Carrolton, Ga., Mr. favorable, the surfacing should be located on State Highway No. 28, didate for commissioner, and C. ensirely completed within two more eight miles east of Franklin, had L. Ingram, candidate for represenweeks. Meanwhile, travelers can the misfortune recently of having tative. to no further east on No. 28 than their church building completely destroyed by fire, the building was The state highway force employ- not protected by insurance and, concerning Mr. Long, to the effect

link in the Three-states road, have build and have the rough lumber he was born in Flats township, layer of stone. The Three-states cut and on the ground, but we are this county, and with the exception road leaves Highlands by way of unable to go further in buying the of about two years had spent his

The Macon County Baptist as- and investments were in this counsociation is to meet with us on tv. Wednesday and Thursday before the remainder of No. 282 have yet the second Sunday in August of as filed under J. R. Morrison, been announced. To the intersectinis year, and in our present conchairman of the county board of tion of Walhalla street, No. 282, dition we have no place in which elections: Fourth street, is receiving an 18- to care for the association, we are, foot surface. From that point it therefore, appealing to our sister Baptist churches of this state to gram, of Franklin, Route 4, and Dillard street is to receive a traf- come to our assistance. If you can Sam Howard, of Tryphosa. fic-bound macadam surface to the see fit to help us in any way by Highlands Country club when work a free-will offering in your church lin, for reelection. or an any way possible we will deeply appreciate any amount your of Cullasaja, for reelection. people may send to us. Unless we can secure some help it will be ling for reelection. Back from South America impossible for our peopel to rebuild the house of worship. We

ing situation. Please send offering to C. W. Henderson, Gneiss, N. C., secretary has been employed by the United and treasurer, building committee Thanking you in advance and praying God's blessings upon you.

we are Yours in the Master's service, PINE GROVE BAPTIST

CHURCH L. H. Crawford, Pastor, C. W. Henderson, Chairman

O. C. Corbin John H. Keener W. M. Holland John C. Dills, Building Committee.

Meeting Called To Form County Baseball League

The baseball game to be played on Cartoogechaye between West End and Cartoogechaye was called off on Saturday due to a steady rain. West End has a game booked with Holly Springs for next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Holly Springs.

With Holly Springs entering the baseball realm this makes a Macon county lengue a possibility. Already the following communities have teams: West End, Cartoogschaye, Rainbow Springs, Cowee and Highlands. Two of the men working for a Macon county league are J. D. Gibson and Claude Henry.

Mr. Gibson has called a meeting at the courthouse for Saturday morning, May 28, at 10 a. m. At this meeting it is planned to form a league and to start a regular schedule for the county. All communities which have a team or the communities that will be able to organize a team are urged to have representatives present.

It is hoped that all baseball fans as well as professed players will attend this meeting and help in organizing the league. The proposed league would place Macon county upon the sports map and build up a wonderful entertaining event for both old and young.

\$1.50 PER YEAR

Agreement Between Candidates Applies only to Local Offices

FILINGS ARE CLOSED

Movement To Abolish Full-Time Commission Head Gains Strength

Through an agreement reached between the candidates, there will be no absentee ballots for county offices in the Democratic primary the state senate from this district, to be held June 4, it was announcwhich includes, besides Macon, the ed Tuesday by Albert Ramsey,

The agreement covers the office of representative in the General Assembly as well as those that are strictly local.

It has not been announced whether the Republicans will make a similar agreement, but there will be only one contest in the Republican primary, that being for nomination as county commission-Pine Grove Baptist Church er, All the other Republican candidates are unopposed in their

Slagle Unopposed In the Democratic ranks Sherift A. B. Slagle, Register of Deeds Tom Bryson and Coroner C. M.

Moore are without opposition. The books weer closed last Friday for filing notice of candidacy under the primary law. Several new candidates filed on the last

During the past week considerable impetus was given to the movement to abolish the job of full time chairman of the county commissioner, a job which pays \$1,800 a year. Two candidates openly declared they were in favor of such a step as a means to ef-The Pine Grove Baptist church feet economy in local government.

Inquiring into reports circulated ed in surfacing No. 282 between therefore, was a complete loss to that he was a native of Georgia, The Press found that this was en-

Following is a list of candidates

also said that all of his interests

Democratic Ticket County representative-C. L. In-Sheriff-A. B. Slagle, of Frank

Register of deeds-C. T. Bryson, Coroner-C. M. Moore, of Frank-

Commissioners-Gus Leach, of Franklin: Walter Gibson, of Iotla; trust we shall hear from you with W. D. Barnard, of Iotla; E. W. an offering to help us in this try- Long, of Franklin; Robert Ramsey, of Tellico; Robert Stamey, of Skeenah; John O. Harrison, of Franklin; D. J. Moses, of Ellijay.

Republican Ticket County representative - W. West of West's Mill. Sheriff-R. M. Coffey, of Frank-

Register of deeds-C. B. Stockon, of Prentiss. Coroner-J. M. Corbin, of Mill shoal township.

Surveyor, Mack Franks, of Frank-Commissioners-Rev. A. S. Solesbee, of Franklin, Route 3; W. H. Green, of Cartoogechaye; Robert H. Rogers, of Prentiss; John H.

Dean, of Burningtown. Life Abundant Center Now Open for Guests

The Life Abundant Center at Rogers Hall, is now open for guests, both transient and permanent. Study classes, for those desiring, will begin on Monday, June 6, at 9 a. m. Classes will be held every morning except Saturday and Sunday. Registration may be made with the Rev. Robert B. H. Bell, who with Mrs. Bell, an expert in food chemistry, established the insti-

The purpose of the school is to teach health of body, of mind and of spirit. Classes in psychology, anatomy, dietetics, practical nursing, core of children, physiology and religion will be

taught.