

It Happened This Week

War in the South
Mr. Gandhi Wins
Porto Rican Hurricane
Job for Coolidge

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ABOUT MACON COUNTY

Macon County is predominantly agricultural, but according to a survey published by the State Department of Conservation and Development, it has 10 industrial establishments, whose annual output is valued at \$724,474. Industrial employees number 177 and their wages total \$211,282.

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N. C. Births Triple Deaths

There were 2,298 deaths and 6,429 births reported in the state in August, the birthrate of 2.39 nearly tripling the death rate of 8.5 per thousand. Tuberculosis killed 159 and cancer 123. There were 23 suicides and 32 homicides. Automobile accidents killed 76, railroad accidents 17, drowning 25.

South American Wars

More than 125,000 men are engaged between the federal forces of Brazil and the rebelling state of Sao Paulo in the most sanguine of three South American conflicts underway. Paragua and Bolivia are fighting vigorously for possession of the Gran Chaco disputed area. Columbia and Peru are at sword points over the port of Leticia, seized by 300 Peruvians.

Five-Day Week Endorsed

The directors of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce last week approved the five day work week of 40 hours as a means to decrease unemployment. The chamber went on record as against cash payment of the bonus until 1945.

50 Die From Poison Booze

Manhattan police face a difficult problem in arresting the sidewalk peddlers of poison whisky sold at five cents a drink. Fifty have died from it since August 1.

Strikers Pour Out Milk

Violating a federal injunction against violence, Georgia dairymen on Monday blocked highways in a number of instances and poured out milk headed by truck into Atlanta. The dairymen are on strike for higher prices by distributing firms.

Gandhi Ends His Fast

Six days after starting his "fast unto death" to force Indian electoral reforms, on Monday Mahatma Gandhi consented to take nourishment on news of acceptance by the British government of a compromise voting system giving representation to 60,000,000 termed "untouchable" by the Indian castes.

Hurricane in Porto Rico

A hurricane swept through Porto Rico Tuesday, killing more than 200 and injuring more than 1,000. The great wind started shortly before midnight, ripped roofs off houses, and ruined valuable citrus and coffee crops.

Wets Oppose McAdoo

Jouett Shouse, president of the Association Against the Eighteenth Amendment, has announced that his organization will support Talbot Tubbs, Republican candidate for the Senate in California, against William Gibbs McAdoo. The Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform will also support Tubbs, who is an out and out Wet.

Coolidge Heads Survey

Calvin Coolidge has accepted an invitation to head a non-partisan commission to survey the financial condition of the railroads and to recommend remedies for them.

Garner Mum on Bonus

Speaker Garner, Democratic candidate for vice-president, declined on Tuesday to state his position on the soldier bonus question. He said he didn't intend to make any statement about the bonus. Meanwhile, one of Governor Roosevelt's aides said that he believes the stand of the presidential candidate would be made known soon.

Pants Robbery

Ted Stockton and Mrs. Paul Cheeks alleged girl bandit, were held in \$700 and \$500 bond respectively by Justice of the Peace George Carpenter, charged with having stolen Matt Daves' trousers and the \$200 that was in them.

Girl Held in \$500 Bond, Boy in \$700

A charge of receiving stolen goods was also preferred by lawyers for the prosecution. Mrs. Cheeks, it was charged, made the overtures which obtained admittance to the Daves home. When they were inside, Mr. Daves said, they managed to filch the pair of trousers containing his bankroll. Stockton was arrested at Hickory Knoll and Mrs. Cheeks was apprehended at Prentiss.

GARAGE BLAZE LOSS IS \$6,000

Westmoreland Loses Tools And Equipment; No Insurance Policy

Six thousand dollars is the estimated loss incurred by fire which destroyed Jim Westmoreland's City Garage on Palmer Street early Friday morning. There was no insurance.

Mr. Westmoreland lost \$1,000 worth of tools, \$2,500 in equipment and \$3,500 in unpaid accounts. The building, which was owned by Grover Jamison, was valued at \$2,000.

Several hundred spectators and scores of volunteer fire fighters hurried to the fire when Franklin's big siren lifted its wail at 2:30 a. m. They found the building covered with flames which could not be controlled, and so turned their attention to saving the grocery store of William Hunnicutt. This building is about 10 feet from the garage, and although it was in flames several times, continuous applications of water saved it.

Nine automobiles were in the burning garage, but no attempt could be made to save them. None of them, it was said, was valuable. No cause of the blaze could be established. Mr. Westmoreland thought spontaneous combustion caused it. Several gas tanks exploded with loud blasts as the fire progressed, but there were no injuries.

Fifty in Reunion At Cartoogechaye

Fifty or more relatives, neighbors and friends gathered on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Enloe on Cartoogechaye in commemoration of the birthday of "Aunt Betty" Watson Shepherd, who died in August 1931 at her home on Iotia. The first reunion was held at her home in 1929. It was decided by those present to meet next year with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Porter of Andrews.

The out-of-county visitors were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Enloe and daughter, Mrs. Olive Ellis and son, John, and Mary Tatham of Andrews.

Loan Agent to Be Here Saturday

S. S. Williams, field inspector of the Crop Production Loan Office of the Department of Agriculture, will be at the county agent's office, Franklin, on Saturday from 9 to 1 to receive payments on loans and to discuss loans and marketing of any crops with farmers who have borrowed from the government.

Since the government refunds unearned interest, Mr. Williams points out, it is to the interest of all who can to pay their loans as early as possible.

200 Converted At Baptist Revival

Two hundred conversions, 78 baptisms and 115 new church members were reported at the end of three weeks' revival services at Cartoogechaye Baptist church. The Rev. Andy Bishop of Greenville, S. C., and the Rev. A. T. Medford of Rainbow Springs, conducted the revival.

Dragonflies in Highlands Lure Michigan Scientists

A party of zoologists from the Museum of Zoology at the University of Michigan reached Highlands on Sunday, Sept. 18 and pitched their tents at Brookside Camp where they will spend a few days.

The party consists of E. B. Williamson, who is employed by the University to make collections throughout the country; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ditzler and daughter Laura; Mrs. H. K. Gloyd, Mr. Williamson's secretary, and Mark Decker, business manager.

Principle collections that have been made are those of dragon flies, but they have also collected miscellaneous insects and herpetological material (including amphibians and reptiles). They have spent the month of August and September making these collections, going in Georgia and Florida and now in this section of North Carolina. During this time they have collected over five thousand

48-Hour Week Set For Forest Workers

Executives of the Nantahala National Forest Service were happy to announce this week that laborers to be employed with the new unemployment relief funds will work a full 48-hour week instead of 30 hours. Work is being allocated in shifts, and each man will get at least one week's work, and two if possible. From 20 to 30 cents an hour is the base pay. Nantahala has \$55,000 to spend on new roads, trails telephone lines and improvements. Three road projects are now under way, employing approximately 100 men.

COUNTY RALLY BEGINS FRIDAY

14 Macon Communities to Hear Democratic Party Speakers Tomorrow

Fourteen speakers in as many Macon townships tomorrow night will tell the county why it ought to vote the Democratic ticket. They will all speak under the auspices of the Young People's Democratic club, which is headed by John W. Edwards, and which will hold rallies every week until the campaign is concluded.

The speakers are: Dr. S. H. Lyle at Pine Grove; R. S. Jones at Patton's school house; Cameron Shipp at the court house in Franklin; Gilmore Jones at Clarke's chapel; Howard Valentine at Salem; Elizabeth Slagle at Mountain View; Alec Moore at Maple Springs; Frank I. Murray at Union; C. S. Tilley at Otto; C. Tom Bryson at Burningtown; Sam J. Murray at Cowee; Blackburn W. Johnson at Slagle; Dr. W. A. Rogers at Holly Springs and J. J. Mann at Hickory Knoll.

To the 250 membership in Macon county, has been recently added the names of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Graham. Mr. Graham is the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor.

Needlework Guild Requests Donations

The Franklin branch of the Needlework Guild of America will hold their annual collection of new garments on Oct. 18 at the Kelly Gift Shop. Sweaters and hose are especially desired.

All garments will be distributed through the Red Cross, as was done last year. Clothes will be sent to needy families in all parts of Macon county.

The only requirement to membership in the Guild is the gift of two new garments annually.

Smith Reunion Held at Stiles

More than 50 members of the Smith family and scores of guests met at the first reunion of the family at Stiles last Sunday. The oldest member of the family was Margaret Briggs of Bryson City, aged 79; next oldest was J. J. Smith of Burningtown. The day was spent with songs, prayers and sermons. Dinner was served to all who came.

HOLD SERVICES FOR J. K. BRYSON

Confederate Veteran Dies After 3 Weeks' Illness At Daughter's Home

Funeral services for James Kennedy Bryson, 88, one of the few Civil War veterans who remained in Macon county, were held Sunday afternoon in the Sugar Fork Baptist church. Interment was in the Sugar Fork cemetery. Mr. Bryson died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John M. Moore, in Franklin, Friday afternoon, at 6:45, after three weeks' illness.

The services were conducted by the Rev. J. A. Bryson of Columbia, Mo., a son of the deceased, who was assisted by the Revs. E. R. Eller, A. S. Solesbee and W. T. Potts, all of Macon county.

Mr. Bryson was born near what is now the Cullasaja post office, and on the farm adjoining the one which is still in possession of the family. For the last 10 years he and his wife have lived in the homes of their daughters, Mrs. N. L. Jolley, of Cullasaja, and Mrs. John M. Moore, of Franklin. Since the death of Mrs. Jolley a few years ago they have lived in Franklin.

Sixty-two years ago Mr. Bryson was married to Margaret Higdon, by whom he is survived, now 85 years old, a daughter of Major William Higdon, of Ellijay. Nine children were born to this union; other descendants include 29 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

50 Miles in a Day

When only 17 years of age Mr. Bryson volunteered and entered the service of the Southern Confederacy and served until near the end of the conflict, when ill health forced his retirement. He and several companions who volunteered at the same time walked and ran 50 miles from their homes in Macon county through the mountains.

Superintendent of Schools After the close of the Civil War, Mr. Bryson entered school and prepared himself to teach. He was largely self-educated, and spent most of his active life as a teacher in Macon and Jackson counties.

He served as superintendent of schools at one time in Macon county, and also as recorder of deeds in Macon county. For many years he was a justice of the peace, in which capacity he usually settled most cases without resort to law and made no charge except when the parties insisted upon going to law. He was not a lawyer, but was well versed in the law and his advice was sought by many farmers.

Besides his widow the following survive: a brother, Madison Bryson, of Cullasaja; a sister, Mrs. Luvina Wright, of Darrington, Wash.; four daughters, Mrs. Jennie Henry, of Ventura, Cal., Mrs. Delia Briggs, of Baconton, Ga., Mrs. Mary Collins of Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. John M. Moore, of Franklin; two sons, J. W. Bryson, of Rome, Ga., the Rev. J. A. Bryson of Columbia, Mo. Three daughters had previously died: Mrs. Nellie Shook, Mrs. Addie Jolley, Miss Alberta Bryson. With the exception of J. W. Bryson and Mrs. Henry, all surviving children attended the funeral.

Pallbearers were J. L. Higdon, L. H. Higdon, George Dean, Joe Ashcar, Elias Ammons, John M. Moore.

Bereans Plan to Build Own Class Room

The Berean Class of the Franklin Baptist church has increased its attendance to such an extent that plans were made this week for the building of a large room in the church basement to accommodate the larger meetings. A committee is this week soliciting subscriptions from class members. Any one else who wishes to donate is assured of the class' appreciation.

A new class of young men from 17 to 24 is to be organized Sunday from members of the Berean class, with George Dean as teacher. The Bereans will elect a president on Sunday to succeed to the office made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Dean.

Mrs. R. S. Richardson and daughter, Miss Vivian Richardson, have returned to their home at Gilkey, after spending several weeks here with Mrs. C. L. Pendergrass and Mrs. H. W. Cabe, daughters of Mrs. Richardson.

15-Year-Old Boy Killed While Squirrel Hunting; Accident, Claims Friend

Fifteen-year-old Carl Fore, who formerly lived, with his family, at Cullasaja, was killed by a shotgun on a squirrel hunt with Parrish Jones, also 15, in the Wilkie fields, near East LaPorte, last Saturday afternoon.

Carl was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fore. His death, according to Parrish Jones, was accidental, but Deputy Sheriff Mason said that Carl, before he died, answered "yes" by nodding his head to the question, "Did Jones shoot you?" He died at the Community hospital, Sylva, four hours

after the shooting, the charge from a shotgun having torn away the lower part of his face.

Young Jones was arrested and brought to Sylva by Deputy Sheriff Mason. He is being held in jail during the investigation. He said that he was hunting near Carl when he heard a gun shot. Then, he said, Carl cried: "Why did this have to happen?" Both boys were carrying shotguns.

Funeral services for Carl were held Sunday afternoon at the Sugarfork Baptist church. The Rev. W. T. Potts of Highlands conducted the services.

FIRE FIGHTERS TO HOLD SCHOOL

Byrne to Direct Camp of Rangers and Guards At Press Haven

John B. Byrne of Franklin, supervisor of Nantahala National Forest, will instruct a group of foresters in the most modern methods of fire fighting at the annual training camp beginning October 7 at Press Haven, on Rabun Lake, Ga.

Rangers and guards from Pisgah, Cherokee and Smoky Mountain National Parks will attend as well as the state district forester of South Carolina. More than 40 firefighters are expected in all.

J. H. Stone will assist Supervisor Byrne. This training school has been held every year for about the past ten years, just before the fall fire season. It includes the regular organization and all fire control organizations of the forest service. The work takes up the greater part of two days and includes training in telephone line construction and maintenance as well as fire suppression work and detection.

The school for this year will have most of its activities in the woods near the camp, while in former schools the work was near divided between indoor and outdoor work.

Mr. Byrne says that this school furnishes the foresters a means of getting together in a social meeting as well as the training. The social feature is fine on many of the boys, who have been stationed off on some lonely mountain top or out of way location watching for fires, as they see so very little of the rest of the organization.

The Press Society of Georgia has given the foresters permission to use their cabins at Press Haven.

McDowell Club To Meet Saturday

This season's first meeting of the 1915 McDowell Music Club will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Norvin C. Duncan on Church street. Miss Edwina Dalrymple will be hostess and the subject for discussion will be ancient hymns, with Mrs. H. T. Horsley as leader.

Aged Write to Excoriate "Drown Old Men" Editorial

That hoary controversy, Youth vs Age, which began in the dawn of history when the first troglodyte upstart told his caveman grandpappy that he didn't know how to suck dinosaur eggs, continued to flare in Macon county this week, with aged stalwarts continuing to resent youth's suggestion to drown some ancient ones in sacks.

Stanley H. Wright, consulting engineer of Asheville, who isn't so old, at that, was reminded of some verses in "Alice in Wonderland," which, he says, explain our Quixotic effort. Everyone who has read the famous Alice recalls the lines beginning: "You are old, Father William," the young man said, "And your hair is exceedingly white; "And yet you incessantly stand on your head— "Do you think at your age it is right?" T. G. Harbison, who upheld the old men's hands in a good letter

J. A. PARRISH IS DEAD AT 63

Burningtown Farmer Dies After Two Years Illness

James A. Parrish, prominent farmer of the Burningtown community, died Monday at 5 a. m., succumbing to attacks of heart disease and Brights disease which had troubled him for two years. He was 63 years old.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. James Vincent, assisted by the Rev. A. S. Solesbee at the 18th Baptist church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Pallbearers were James Hauser, Ted Ramsey, Ervin Patton, Redge Neal, John Hauser, and Lawrence Ramsey.

Mr. Parrish survived by his wife, Mrs. Catherine Roane Parrish, five daughters: Mrs. Monroe Hooper, of Tuckaseegee; Mrs. Homer Younce of Haines City, Fla., Miss Florence Parrish and Miss Nannie and Miss Annie Parrish; by three sons; Robert, William and Terrill; by two brothers, William Parrish of Otto and Neal Parrish of California; a sister, Mrs. Gordie Bradley of Washington; and by his father, George Parrish, of Rose Creek.

Indians to Perform Ritual Dances

The Indian fair at Cherokee, N. C., near the border of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, will engross the attention of both visitors and residents in the highlands of Western North Carolina during the brilliant Indian Summer days of early October. The fair, which will be held October 4, 5, 6 and 7, will be a featured event of the colorful autumnal season.

The ancient dances, the tribal ball games, archery and blowgun contests of the Cherokee nation will add to the color of the four-day celebration. New highways built into and through the Great Smoky Mountains, this year, will provide easy means of access to the Cherokee Indian lands.

Grover Jamison, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks with illness, at his home on Palmer street, is slowly improving.

BOYS WILL VIE IN SCHOOL FAIR

Franklin High Students Prepare Agricultural Exhibit for Oct. 15

MEACHAM CITES AIMS

Quality, Not Quantity, to Be Goal, Vocational Instructor Says

Members of vocational agriculture and home economic classes of the Franklin High School will hold an exhibition of their projects at the school on October 15, E. H. Meacham, instructor of the agriculture class, announced yesterday.

The exhibitions will be open to the public from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. E. V. Vestal, Jackson county agent, will judge the exhibits.

This is the second of a series of annual fairs sponsored by the vocational class. Great interest has been shown by the boys.

Quality Products

"The main purpose of this fair," Mr. Meacham said, "will be to show products of quality rather than of quantity. The entrants are limited to vocational students. All displays must have been raised and prepared for exhibition by students of either the agriculture class or of the home economics class. There are 21 boys in the second year agriculture class, and each boy has at least one product to show, while some will have several exhibits. Nine students in the third year class will have exhibits, and there will be a number of exhibits from members of the first year class."

Boys in Charge

Following is a list of the departments of the fair, with the name of the boy who will have charge of each: Field Crops, Harold Stewart. Horticulture, Frank Williams. Education, Woodrow Dowdle. Swine, Paul Gibson. General Farming Exhibit, Carlos Rogers.

Garden Products, John Bryson. Miss Rosalie Morrow will have charge of home economics.

The home economics department will show work done by the girls at home as well as at school, and will feature an exhibit of canned goods.

9 Escape Fire

Move to Garage, Home Goes up in Flames

Charlie Adams and his family of nine, including a grandmother, packed up their meagre trappings on Monday and moved into a one-car garage for the winter. Early Tuesday morning, they heard the weird call of Franklin's fire siren as their former home, the pine board shack owned by T. B. Enloe, just off Highway 28 near the Happy Top community, went up in flames.

Franklin's amateur firefighters manned their truck and reached the fire only a few minutes after it had started, but the frame house was ablaze from lintel to cornice, shooting flames like a bonfire. It was consumed in a few minutes.

Anxious neighbors wondered what had become of the Adams family as they watched the fire. Not until Wednesday morning did they find the family of nine, snug and safe in their garage. They might easily have been trapped in their former dwelling.

Baby Climbs Tower, Says It Was Grand

Emulating the rangers under his father, two-and-a-half year-old Philip Marion Byrne, son of John M. Byrne, Supervisor of Nantahala National Forest, climbed the highest thing he could find and surveyed the land.

His choice was the 35-foot water tower near his home on Harrison Avenue. He reached the top and swung a leg over the railing.

To his distraught mother, who pleaded with him from the ground, he lisped: "It's grand."

A carpenter was sent up after him, but he refused to be carried down. He descended the ladder himself, with the carpenter preceding, ready to catch him if he fell.

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