

LONG AWARD TO BRYSON'S JOB

Named Assistant Accountant; Southards Gets Poor Farm Contract

E. W. Long was elected assistant county accountant, succeeding C. Tom Bryson, register of deeds, at a special meeting of the board of commissioners last Thursday morning.

In accordance with pre-election campaign promises of Mr. Long and Walter Gibson, new chairman of the board, the job of county accountant, or full-time chairman, was left vacant. This office, formerly held by W. D. Barnard, carries with it a salary of \$1,800.

In placing Mr. Long's name in nomination for assistant county accountant, Chairman Gibson proposed that he be paid a salary of \$75 a month. He agreed to change this amount to \$50, however, after Gus Leach, third member of the board, expressed the opinion that it was unwise to pay more for the work when Mr. Bryson had performed the duties adequately for \$50.

Southards Gets Contract Lester Southards, of Cartoogechaye, was awarded the contract to operate the new county poor house and farm for the next two years. His bid called for \$3.50 a month for each inmate.

These are 14 inmates of the home. Mr. Southards is to operate the farm for all the produce he is able to harvest on the farm over and above the actual expense of operation.

Mr. Southards will take charge of the farm the first of the year. At that time the poor farm is to be moved from the present location, near the top of Trimon's Mountain, to a newly purchased farm two miles south of Franklin on Highway No. 285. The change will make it much easier for the poor farm to be self supporting, since the newly purchased farm is considered to be much better than the old.

Christmas Pageant Planned At Baptist Church

A Christmas pageant will be given at the Baptist church Christmas night at 7:45. The public is cordially invited.

Box Supper To Be Given at Holly Springs

A box supper will be given at the Holly Springs school house on Saturday evening, Dec. 31. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the baseball team. Special string music is planned.

Two Highlands Churches To Have Christmas Trees

The custom of having Christmas trees with gifts for children will be observed by the Sunday schools of two Highlands churches. The Episcopal church will have its tree at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, while the Baptist church will distribute Christmas presents to the children Friday night.

Poultry in nine demonstration flocks on which records were kept in Caldwell county this season paid a net return above feed cost of \$1.55 a bird.

Live-at-Home Program Must Again Be Followed

The outlook for prices for all farm crops next season means that again the North Carolina farmer must plan to grow his crops as economically as possible and must follow the live-at-home plan if he is to weather the coming year.

Ralph H. Rogers of the State college department of agricultural economics and Charles A. Sheffield, assistant extension director, attended the recent outlook conference at Atlanta and then with the aid of all governmental information prepared the outlook for conditions in this state next season. This material has been studied by workers of the School of Agriculture and is now being printed for distribution to farmers of the state. The plan is to let the growers have facts so that from them, they plan their enterprises next year.

EXPLAINS NEW RELIEF PLAN

Miss Davis Says Workers To Get Orders for Goods, Not Cash

Credit slips good for staple articles of food and clothing will be used in the future instead of money to pay persons employed on public projects undertaken with unemployment relief funds, it was announced this week by Miss Rachel Davis, Macon county superintendent of public welfare.

This new policy, however, does not apply to men employed on the major highway projects being undertaken with federal funds, but only to those who are paid out of direct relief monies. Thus far Macon county has received \$2,668 relief funds.

The act of congress appropriating this money," Miss Davis explained, "provided that it should be used on public and semi-public work for the relief of the unemployed. Approximately 400 men have been given employment with this money and there are projects under way now which will give employment to 100 more men.

"At first this work was paid for in cash, but now the director of relief appointed by the governor has recommended that it be paid in staple articles of food and clothing. This has been interpreted to include also food for milk cows and poultry.

3 Forms Used The superintendent of public welfare has received three forms of order blanks—one for food, one for clothing and another known as a "Special Order" blank. When properly filled out and signed by the superintendent of welfare, these blanks become orders on merchants for goods. The merchant lists the articles purchased, gets the purchaser to sign his name and then returns the order to the welfare officer, who will remit the cash to him. Each order blank will specify the amount for which it is good.

"All merchants are expected and requested to cooperate to the extent that proper values are given. It is suggested that merchants receiving order blanks submit these on Mondays to receive cash for them."

Dr. Angel To Address Medical Society

Dr. F. Angel has received and accepted an invitation to address the Tri-State Medical Society at its annual convention in Greenville, S. C., in February, on the subject "Appendicitis." The Tri-State Medical society is composed of physicians and surgeons in Virginia and North and South Carolina.

Broadway Mrs. Ebbie Talley Has Been Very Sick, but is Recovering

Tom Smith made a business trip to this section Wednesday. Radford Wilson, of Sealy, was in this section this week. We are sorry to report Mrs. Evan and Mrs. Walter Talley have been very sick, but are better at this writing. Edna Wilson is spending this week with home folks on account of bad weather and a bad cold. Tom Wilson made a business trip to Highlands Saturday. Bart Wilson, of Sealy, was in this section last week. John Brown made a business trip to Highlands, Saturday.

Funeral Held For C. E. REECE

Acute Attack of Brights Disease Fatal to Old Resident

Funeral services for Charles Edmond Reece were conducted at the Franklin Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor, assisted by the Rev. N. C. Duncan, rector of the St. Agnes Episcopal church.

Mr. Reece was born in West Virginia April 8, 1857, being 75 years, 8 months and 11 days old at time of his death. He came to Macon county about 55 years ago. He was a member of the Franklin Baptist church, having joined about 38 years ago. For a number of years he had been an employee in the Franklin postoffice. Mr. Reece was taken sick Friday evening with acute Bright disease and died Monday night about 11 o'clock. Pall bearers were: R. F. Henry, George Dalrymple, George Mashburn, George Carpenter, Samuel J. Murray and R. M. Ledford. Mr. Reece is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nora Lewis Reece; three daughters, Mrs. E. O. Mashburn, of Sylva; Mrs. W. G. Mashburn, of Bryson City; Mrs. John B. Angel, of Clarksville, Ga.; two sons, Benjie and Davis Reece, of Franklin; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Jacobs, of Franklin, and Mrs. Betty Reece, of Highlands, and a number of grandchildren.

BROTHERHOOD PLANS SOCIAL

Interesting Program Outlined For Bible Class Meeting

The Brotherhood Bible class of the Methodist church will have a social meeting on Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, at 7:30. After a short song service the topic of the evening, "What Our Brotherhood-Bible Class Ought To Be," will be discussed in its various phases by members of the class. Refreshments will be served and there will be after-dinner remarks. The evening will be closed by song and benediction. The complete program as follows: Song service Stunts—Directed by Don Young Scripture lesson by Roy C. Dady Prayer—E. B. McCullom Song

Statement of Object of Meeting By Chairman Howard Valentine Word of Welcome by Pastor I. Topic For Evening—"What Our Brotherhood-Bible Class Ought To Be"

1. It Ought to Be Loyal To the Bible—By Gordon Moore 2. It Ought to Be a Real Brotherhood—By Jesse Conley 3. It Ought to Be Loyal To Christ In Seeking the Lost—By A. A. Angel 4. It Ought to Be Loyal To the Church—By Harold Sloan 5. It Ought to Be Bigger: What You Can Do To Make It Go, and Grow—By Homer Bowles II. Refreshments After-dinner Remarks For the Good of the Brotherhood Song Benediction Prayer

Pensioners Paid

Confederate Vets and Widows Get \$5,390

Macon county Confederate veterans and widows of Confederate veterans received \$5,390 in semi-annual pension checks from the state on Wednesday, December 14, according to figures made public by Frank I. Murray, clerk of court, who distributes the checks. The number of veterans in this county has been dwindling rapidly, the December pension list revealing that only 12 are left. Each receives \$182.50 every six months. There are 40 class B widows, receiving \$50 each ever six months, and eight class A widows who receive \$150 every six months.

2 Welches Held For Hearing on Murder Charge

Arrests Follow Mysterious Death of Don Anderson; Warrants Sworn out by Father Who Suspects Foul Play

HEARING SET FOR 10 O'CLOCK FRIDAY MORNING BEFORE MAGISTRATE CARPENTER

Inquest Reveals Anderson's Neck and a Rib Broken; Strange K Imprinted on Forehead; Body Found in Lonely Kelly Cove

C. C. (Tump) Welch and his nephew, Floyd Welch, both of the Burningtown community, are being held in the Macon county jail pending a hearing on charges of murdering Don Anderson, 20, of Lower Burningtown. With a mysterious K impressed upon the forehead, Anderson's body was found late last Friday night lying in the snow at the foot of a deep gully in lonely Kelly Cove, notorious moonshine haunt.

The two Welches were arrested at their home late Wednesday afternoon by Sheriff A. B. Slagle and Deputy George Mallonee on a warrant sworn out by Mike Anderson, father of the dead man. They offered no resistance. A preliminary hearing of the case is scheduled before Magistrate George Carpenter at 10 o'clock Friday morning. Gilmer A. Jones and R. D. Sisk have been retained as counsel by the Welches. The state's case will be prosecuted by George Patton.

Anderson's death was reported to Sheriff Slagle about 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The sheriff, accompanied by Coroner C. M. Moore, Deputy Mallonee and Dr. W. A. Rogers, went immediately to Kelly Cove. There they found Carl Welch and Harley Anderson, a brother of Don, with the body in a deserted shack. The two men told the officers they had found Don in the gully, apparently frozen, after Tump and Floyd Welch had notified them late the night before that Don had gotten drunk and they had been unable to bring him home.

Dr. Rogers examined the body and pronounced that Don Anderson had frozen to death. The officers followed footprints in the snow from the spot where the body was found in the gully and, some distance away, found a crude distillery made out of an oil drum. A quantity of mash and some whisky was seized. Along the path from the gully to the still they found tatters of clothing evidently torn by the brush from Anderson's coat as he stumbled or was dragged along. While friends were preparing the body for burial they noticed that the neck evidently had been broken and, suspecting foul play, they reported the matter to Sheriff and Coroner Moore. The body was brought to Franklin for another examination and an inquest was called Sunday with Tump and Floyd Welch as witnesses. Dr. Furman Angel who examined the body, reported that the neck and a rib were broken and the face badly bruised and scratched. A large K appeared on the forehead. It was not a cut or a burn, witnesses said, but looked like a strange bruise. Some observers fancifully remarked that it might have been a killer's mark, but Sheriff Slagle discounted such a notion, expressing the opinion that it must have been an accidental scratch or bruise suffered in a fall.

Welches Arrested

The Welches testified that they had been out with Anderson and had tried to take him home but

Gneiss

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hedden are celebrating the arrival of twin boys.

On December 18 a little baby girl came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keener. Ralph Crisp is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hedden's baby is recovering from an attack of pneumonia. There is to be a Christmas program and tree at the Walnut Creek school house Saturday afternoon, Dec. 24. Monday Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones and two daughters made a business trip to Ellijay. Frank Mashburn's rubber-heeled shoes slipped as he came down the ladder of his barn loft with some hay. He is suffering from injured ribs as the result.

Poplar Cove

Miss Osie Williamson was visiting Miss Esther Williamson last Thursday.

We are having some interesting prayer meetings in our community on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights, and everybody seems to be showing a great interest in the work. Miss Maude Roland spent Friday afternoon with Miss Katherine. Mrs. Bertha Ledford was in Franklin last Monday shopping. Miss Willie Jean Lewis was visiting Miss Laura Dill Tuesday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Huskison, a daughter, Rose Mary, on Monday, Dec. 19. A son, Teddy Alvin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Judson Dills at their home on Monday, Dec. 19. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ledford announce the birth of a daughter on Friday, Dec. 22.

Chorus of 24 To Present Christmas Cantata Friday

A Christmas cantata, "Tidings of Great Joy," will be presented at the Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock Friday afternoon by a chorus of 24 voices under the sponsorship of the 1915 McDowell Music club. The cantata is directed by Mrs. Boice Munday, with James B. Porter as organist and Mrs. Blackburn W. Johnson playing a violin solo and obligato.

Following the opening chorus of old testament prophecies in the cantata, a plaintive solo, "O Come Emanuel," will be sung by Mrs. Munday, followed by Mary's beautiful Magnificat, sung by Mrs. J. A. Flanagan. A solo by Mrs. J. A. Flanagan will introduce a lovely old German air, "Silent Night," an organ arrangement played by Mrs. Porter with humming accompaniment by the chorus. A solo by Miss Edwina Dalrymple, "There Were Shepherds," will precede a violin solo, which will be followed by Mrs. N. C. Duncan's "And Lo, the Angel."

"The Virgin's Cradle Hymn" will be sung by Mrs. Harold Sloan, followed by a 13th century carol sung by the whole choir and "The Quest of the Magi," in which Henry Wilkie and Richard Slagle have solo parts. The cantata ends with the triumphant chorus of the age-old Christmas hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

Following is a list of those in the chorus: Sopranos, Mrs. Boice Munday, Mrs. N. C. Duncan, Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, Mrs. Gilmer Crawford, Mrs. Harry Higgins, Miss Edwina Dalrymple, Miss Elsie Ader, Miss Jean Porter; altos, Mrs. Harold Sloan, Mrs. Thos. D. Johnston.

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