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## Franklin Gets New Postoffice

### REYNOLDS MAY SPEAK ON 4TH

Senator Invited To Make Address at Franklin Exercises

### ANNOUNCE PROGRAM

Full Day of Entertainment Promised by Legion Committee

Franklin is preparing this week for a big Fourth of July celebration, the biggest it has had in recent years. Arrangements for the day's events are being made by the Macon county post of the American Legion.

The program, announced Wednesday by the committee in charge, provides for a full day's entertainment, beginning with a parade at 10 o'clock in the morning and ending with an old-fashioned fiddlers' convention in the evening, with numerous interesting events between.

#### Reynolds Asked To Speak

An invitation was extended to Senator Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville, to be the principal speaker at patriotic exercises to be held in the courthouse at 11:30 a. m. but the committee had not heard from him Wednesday night. It was hoped and expected, however, that he would be able to come.

The parade will form in front of the Baptist church, proceed down church street to Harrison avenue, move south one block and then follow Main street east to Palmer street, come up Palmer street and disband.

#### Parade Prizes

Two cash prizes, one of \$7 and the other of \$3, will be awarded the first and second best entries in the parade, it was announced by Frank Leach, who is in charge of this phase of the program. Mr. Leach explained that the judging would be on the basis of popular interest. The winning entry may be the membership of some organization taking part in the parade, a well decorated float, or an individual person. Anything from a mut dog to a steam shovel can take part, he said, and the two most interesting entries will get the prizes.

Already the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and several other organizations have indicated they will enter the parade, and the Cherokee Indian band from the reservation in Swain county is expected to be present to supply music.

#### Contest Planned

At 10:30 a. m., immediately after the parade, an hour will be devoted to various contests with cash prizes offered the winners. Gilmer L. Crawford, in charge of these events, said the program would open with a bicycle race for boys under 16 years of age. Then will come a three-legged race and a sack race, open to boys and girls, men and women. There also will be a toad race and a terrapin race, open to any and everyone who can find a

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### Funeral Held for James Mason

Funeral services for James Mason, 67, were held at the Cowee Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Mayberry, pastor, assisted by the Rev. George A. Cloer, conducted the services.

Mr. Mason died at his home on Mason Branch Thursday afternoon of last week at 2:30 o'clock from a stroke of paralysis he suffered about a month ago.

Pallbearers were: Wade Pickens, Oscar Mason, Marvin Pickens, Graham Cloer, Floyd Mason and Bill Jones.

The deceased is survived by his widow and two children, Miss Letha Mason and Lee Mason, both of Iota.

### Making Money

#### 'T. F.' Railway Pulling out Of Red Ink

Judging by the revenues of the Tallulah Falls railway, the depression is over. For the first time since September, 1930, which just about coincides with the beginning of the economic collapse, the line is showing a profit on its operations, due largely to increased shipments of forest products.

Figures made public this week at the headquarters of the "T. F." in Cornelia show that the railroad had a net operating income of \$622.31 for the month of May. Net operating income for the first five months of this year was reported as \$366.66. A significant point is that this profit has been made under the supervision of H. L. Brewer, who was promoted from assistant to the receiver to general manager of the line about six months ago.

It is reported that the railroad's program for maintenance of way is considerably ahead of normal. This means that the heaviest expenses in this department for the year have been met. Recent inspections of the line, it is said, show trestles and track to be in good physical condition.

### CO-OP GROUP SHOWS PROFIT

Farmers Federation, Inc., Resumes Payment of Dividends

ASHEVILLE, June 27.—Dividends are to be paid June 30 by the Farmers Federation, Inc., on both common and preferred stock, it has been announced by James G. K. McClure, Jr., president and general manager of the farm organization. The federation's board of directors voted to pay a half-yearly dividend of 3 per cent to holders of preferred stock, which is at the rate of 6 per cent a year. On common stock the directors decided to pay 3 per cent also for the first half of 1934.

An increase of 17 per cent in dollar volume of business done during the first five months of 1934 as compared with the same period of 1933 was also announced by Mr. McClure, this figure covering ten of the federation farm supply warehouses. Waynesville and Canton warehouses came into the organization on February 1, and are not included in the comparison.

#### 1,200 Stockholders

The Farmers Federation is owned by approximately 1,200 stockholders. The large majority of these are farmers who own most of the common or voting stock. Under the Federation's charter as a cooperative, each owner of common stock has one vote in the election of the board of directors, whether owning one share or several shares. Preferred stock is owned largely by interested business men in the counties where the federation operates.

#### Organized In 1920

The Farmers Federation was organized in 1920 by a group of farmers in Fairview township, Buncombe county. Dividends were paid regularly to stockholders until 1925. Following a disastrous fire, the stockholders voted to suspend payment of dividends, and the June 30 payment marks the first dividend declared by the directors since 1925, according to Mr. McClure.

From the beginning, with one warehouse at Fairview Siding in Buncombe county, the Farmers Federation has grown to twelve warehouses in six Western North Carolina counties: Asheville, Fairview Siding, Craggy and New-bridge in Buncombe county; Fletcher and Hendersonville in Henderson county; Spindale and Forest City in Rutherford county; Morganton in Burke county; Waynesville and Canton in Haywood county.

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### \$32,200 for Refinancing Debts Lent Macon Farmers

A total of \$36,900 of Federal land bank and Land Bank Commission's farm mortgage loans was made in Macon county, from June 1, 1933, to May 1, 1934, according to the Farm Credit administration.

Of this total, farmers in the county used approximately \$32,200, or 87.2 per cent to refinance their indebtedness. By refinancing, farmers obtained new mortgage loans which they used to repay their old debts. They generally reduced their annual interest charges in doing so. In a number of cases, scale-downs of indebtedness occurred in connection with the new loans. These and other advantages benefited farmers primarily. Secondly, creditors benefited from the receipt of cash or bonds in exchange for obligations they held.

Of the loan money used by farm-

ers in Macon county for refinancing their debts, about \$10,100, it was estimated, repaid their debts to banks; \$3,400, their taxes; \$18,700, their debts to "others," or creditors not separately classified, including private mortgage lenders, mortgage loan companies, retired farmers and many others to whom farmers were in debt.

A total of about \$4,700 of loans in the county was used for purposes other than the refinancing of borrowers' debts. Of this sum, \$4,000 was used for the purchase of land and equipment, the construction or improvement of buildings, and for general agricultural uses, including the provision of capital, while \$700, the balance, was used for the purchase of stock in national farm loan associations, for loan fees, etc.

### PLANS CANNING DEMONSTRATION

Miss Rosalee Morrow Made Macon County Home Agent

Miss Rosalee Morrow, who for the last two years has taught home economics in the Franklin high school, has been selected by the state department of home agent work and the emergency relief organization to fill the position of emergency home demonstration agent in Macon county.

Miss Morrow plans to hold canning demonstrations in each school district in the county at which she will show the latest and most simplified methods of preparing and processing vegetables and fruits.

The demonstrations will begin at 9:30 o'clock in the morning and continue until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. For dinner each person attending is requested to bring a picnic lunch.

Demonstrations for the remainder of this week and for next week were announced by Miss Morrow as follows:

Friday, June 29, at the home of Mrs. Robert Patton in the Patton Valley.

Monday, July 2, at the home of Mrs. J. D. McCoy at Pine Grove.

Tuesday, July 3, at Mrs. J. H. Fulton's at Gold Mine.

Thursday, July 5, at Mrs. Walter Gibson's in the Iotla community.

Friday, July 6, at Mrs. J. W. Addington's in the Union school district.

### Former Highlands Woman Dies in Montana

Relatives in Macon county have been notified of the death of Mrs. Laurabelle C. Carpenter, a former resident of Highlands, at her home in Grass Range, Mont., Friday, June 8. She died from a heart attack, apparently while sleeping, according to the Grass Range Review.

Mrs. Carpenter, whose husband died in 1907, left Macon county in 1914. Her father, Sumner Clark, was superintendent of the Macon county schools for some years and she herself taught in the schools of this county until she moved west. She is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Moody Bolick, now a resident of this county.

### Fire Chief Issues July Fourth Warning

The old-fashioned Fourth of July wasn't as glorious as we like to think. Boys and girls usually had a wonderful time—that is, unless they didn't lose an eye or a finger, or weren't put to bed with serious burns. This angle on the annual celebration of our country's birthday was brought out by Fire Chief Derald Ashe recently, when he was discussing the do's and don'ts that

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### WORK EXPECTED TO START SOON

Approval of Local Federal Building Announced In Washington

\$71,000 ALLOCATED

Structure Will Provide Space For Forest Service Headquarters

A federal building providing space for a postoffice and offices for the headquarters staff of the Nantahala National Forest is soon to be built in Franklin. Approval of the project, application for which was filed about a year ago by a group of Franklin business men, was announced in news dispatches from Washington Monday.

Seventy-one thousand dollars has been allocated out of an emergency appropriation of \$65,000,000, made by congress shortly before its recent adjournment, to purchase a site and defray construction costs of the building.

The site for the building has not been selected—at least no announcement of it has been made. A representative of the postal department visited Franklin last autumn to investigate the necessity of a federal building here and to inspect possible locations. Among the proposed sites he examined were the lot on east Main street occupied by Alex Moore's residence, the old Junaluska Inn property on west Main street, the lot back of the present postoffice and the Rogers property on west Main street. So far as The Press-Maconian has been able to ascertain, however, no decision has been made as to location of the proposed building.

Although plans for the structure have not been made public, they are believed to have been drawn.

#### Early Start Expected

The Franklin building was listed along with 625 other federal projects, mostly postoffices, which had been approved by Postmaster General Farley and Secretary Morgenthau of the treasury. Three hundred and two of these projects, including the Franklin postoffice, were provided for in the \$65,000,000 emergency appropriation, and the others are to be carried out with funds from other sources. As it has been reported that the treasury department already has made the emergency appropriation available, it is thought propitious for Franklin that it is included in this group. Work on these buildings, it is believed, will likely get under way with a minimum of delay.

Franklin is the only Western North Carolina town besides Morganton, which received an allocation of \$82,000, for which new postoffice provisions were made in the \$110,000,000 program.

### Macon Democrats Named On District Committees

Three Macon county Democrats were appointed at the state convention in Raleigh last Thursday to membership on district committees. Miss Olivia Patton was named a member of the 11th judicial district executive committee; Frank Moody was given a place on the 20th judicial district campaign committee and John W. Edwards was appointed to the 11th congressional district campaign committee.

Attending the convention from this county were John W. Edwards, of Franklin; John Cabe, of Otto, and Harley R. Cabe, of Franklin. They reported that the convention was one of the most enthusiastic and harmonious held in recent years.

### Iotla Young Democrats To Meet Saturday Night

The newly organized Iotla Young Democratic club is scheduled to hold a regular meeting in the Iotla school house at 8 o'clock Saturday night of this week. Blackburn W. Johnson is on the program for an address.

### JOHN T. BERRY DIES SUDDENLY

Well-To-Do Ellijay Farmer Stricken by Heart Attack

John T. Berry, 85, one of Macon county's most well-to-do residents, died suddenly from an attack of heart disease Saturday night at his home on Ellijay creek.

Mr. Berry had spent the day, an unusually hot one, in Franklin. Shortly after returning to his home, which despite his wealth was a simple cabin, he suffered the heart attack and died.

Mr. Berry was a large landholder and was reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in this section. About two years ago he was married to Mrs. Delia Clouse, of Franklin, who survives him. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Laura Taylor and Mrs. J. H. Higdon, both of Ellijay, and a number of other relatives.

The funeral was conducted at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Holly Springs Baptist church by the Rev. E. R. Eller, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. W. T. Potts, of Highlands, and the Rev. A. S. Solesbee. The pallbearers were Lyman Higdon, Walter Taylor, Harley Stewart, Frank Henry, Sr., J. B. Ammons and R. F. Henry.

### Reemployment

Local Branch of Service May Be Made Permanent

If sufficient demand and interest are shown for continuation of the Franklin office of the national reemployment service, it may become a permanent office, according to John W. Edwards, who is in charge of the reemployment service in Macon county.

Mr. Edwards said he had been notified that next Tuesday the reemployment service, which has been operating for the past year under the emergency relief organization, would be transferred to the federal department of labor. Some local offices are to be discontinued, he added; but where a real need is manifested for the service and where general public support is accorded, the reemployment offices probably will be continued on a permanent basis.

In order to ascertain sentiment here as to whether the Franklin reemployment office should be continued, Mr. Edwards has called a meeting of business men and civic leaders in the Odd Fellows hall at 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon. Another meeting is to be held two weeks later, when Mr. Edwards will report on the activities of the office under its new supervision.

Mr. Edwards returned Sunday from Chapel Hill, where he attended a reemployment conference.