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RED CROSS TO LAUNCH DRIVE

Annual Roll Call in Macon County To Start November 11

Volunteer workers for the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross are making plans now for the annual Roll Call membership campaign which opens on Armistice Day, Sunday, November 11, according to a statement by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, chairman of the Roll Call for the county. The quota assigned the county is 300 members, and Mr. Flanagan believes the county should go far beyond this goal.

"Although the national organization made an appreciable gain in memberships last year, the Macon county organization fell behind in its membership drive almost 45 per cent," Mr. Flanagan said today.

"The record for the county organization shows that only 1.08 per cent of the population of the county were members of the American Red Cross. This did not compare so favorably with some chapters that were able to have as high as 8.03 per cent. But in the western part of the state the county was surpassed only by Buncombe county with an enrollment of 2.04 per cent, Transylvania, 1.76 per cent, and Swain county, 1.37 per cent. If the quota for the county is reached, the percentage will be only 2.19 per cent of the population of the county, which is a low percentage for enrollment.

"Plans are being made by the local chapter for a 'pep' meeting of the Roll Call workers. This will be held during the coming week, at which time plans for the roll call for the county will be perfected. The chairman of the local chapter, J. E. Lancaster, together with his assistants, are striving for a roll call this year that will touch every part of the county."

Funeral Held

Mrs. Edna Liner Williams Dies after Operation

Mrs. Edna Liner Williams, 25, died in Angel hospital Wednesday night at 10 o'clock following a very serious operation last week.

Funeral services were held at Iotla Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with burial in the Iotla cemetery.

Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband, Charles Williams, and one small son, of Franklin Route 4; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Liner, of Franklin Route 3; two sisters, Mrs. Ed Duvall and Mrs. Sam Gibson, of Iotla, and one brother, Lawrence B. Liner, of Franklin.

Sunday School Convention To Be Held Sunday

The Macon county Baptist Sunday school convention is to be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Sugar Fork Baptist church. All Baptist churches in the county are urged to send representatives. The program will open with a devotional led by Paul Swafford, followed by an address by Mrs. E. R. Eller on "The Importance of Teacher Training." Miss Gladys Pannell will discuss "The Sunday School and the Thanksgiving Offering;" Frank Browning will tell "How To Secure Attendance in the Convention," and the Rev. D. C. McCoy will talk on "The Sunday Schools and Scriptural Giving." The Franklin junior choir will render a special program of music.

GOES TO AUGUSTA FOR HOSPITAL TREATMENT

C. S. Brown, Sr., proprietor of the Scott Griffin Hotel, left Tuesday for Augusta, Ga., for examination and treatment in an Augusta hospital.

John B. Byrne, Former Head Of Nantahala Forest, Dies In U. S. Veterans Hospital

John B. Byrne, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest for two years prior to his retirement in the fall of 1933 on account of ill health, died at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the United States Veterans hospital at Oteen, near Asheville.

The body was taken Wednesday to the home of his widow in Columbus, Ga., for burial there Friday. It was accompanied by E. M. Bryant, of Franklin, a brother of Mrs. Byrne, who is purchasing agent of the Nantahala Forest.

The funeral, it was learned here, is to be held in the Catholic church at Columbus at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning. A number of Forest Service employees who had been associated with Mr. Byrne left Thursday to attend the rites. In the group were J. H. Stone, who succeeded Mr. Byrne as supervisor of the Nantahala Forest; J. G. Siler, Jr., H. P. Nichols, Don Young, John Wasilik, all of Franklin; R. C. Nicholson, of Clayton, Ga., Fred Slagle, of Asheville, and Z. B. Byrd, of Andrews.

Mr. Byrne is survived by his widow, who before marriage was Miss Margaret Godfrey Bryant, of Columbus, Ga., three children, Mary Margaret, 6, Philip Marion, 5, and John B., Jr., a little over a year old, and relatives in California.

Mr. Byrne, who was about 37 years old, was a native of California and was reared in that state. He was graduated from the school of forestry of the University of California. During the world war he saw front line service overseas as sergeant in a Marine machine gun company, fifth regiment. He came to Franklin in 1926 as junior forester in the Nantahala Forest. Prior to then he had been connect-

ed with the Southern Forest experiment station with headquarters in New Orleans and the Alabama-Benning Forest with headquarters at Fort McPherson. In 1930 he was transferred to Asheville and promoted to the position of assistant supervisor of the Pisgah Forest. In April, 1931, he was sent back to Franklin and made supervisor of the Nantahala Forest, succeeding Arthur A. Wood, who was transferred to the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia.

In the spring of 1933, after the inauguration of President Roosevelt, the Forest Service launched an intensive program of expansion and development. Mr. Byrne received instructions to prepare immediately for the erection of 10 Civilian Conservation camps in the Nantahala Forest, to map roads and various forest improvement projects to employ not only the C. C. C. recruits but also to supply work for hundreds of others employed through the national CWA program. He threw himself heart and soul into the task. His health began to break, but he kept at his job, instilling vigor and enthusiasm in the entire personnel of the Nantahala Forest, until doctors told him he had to take a rest. He went to the coast of South Carolina for a few weeks respite, but returned and resumed his duties. In the fall of last year his condition grew serious. He was granted an indefinite leave of absence and entered the Veterans Hospital at Oteen for treatment. Mrs. Byrne and the children went to Columbus to live with her parents. Mr. Byrne's condition continued to grow worse; but, despite all, he was reported to have held strong hope of recovery until the very last.

Lespedeza Growing More Popular in Macon County

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The use of lespedeza as a soil improvement crop, as a pasture plant, as a hay crop and as a cash crop where the seed are sold, has been growing more and more in the favor of farmers of Macon county. Three years ago only about three thousand pounds was sowed by a very few farmers, but this year approximately 25,000 pounds was sowed by 250 farmers. Farmers who have never sowed any lespedeza have already expressed their intentions to seed some this coming spring, for they have seen the results obtained by their neighbors. Many farmers who cut fields for hay this year obtained a yield of two and one-half tons per acre and others who had turned it under last year and planted corn on that land this year obtained an increase of from 10 to 20 bushels per acre just from one

crop of lespedeza turned under last winter.

Where a farmer has a field of common lespedeza he can buy a lespedeza seed pan and attach it to his mowing machine and under normal conditions he should have from 5 to 12 bushels of seed per acre if he will prepare to save them at the proper time. That time is here now. Since the two frosts we have had the plants are almost dead and the seed are easy to shatter from the plant, but this can only be done after the plants are good and dry each day which is usually from 11 a. m. and many times not until after dinner. The seed pans used for this can be bought locally for about \$6.50 and from the outlook for lespedeza seed for next year three bushels of seed saved by a farmer will almost pay for his pan and then he has the pan for use in the future years. If by chance any farmer saves more seed than

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GOV. J. C. B. EHRINGHAUS

GROUP TO AID FARM DEBTORS

Committee Formed To Help In Readjusting Mortgages

Organization of Macon county's farm debt adjustment committee was perfected recently when the committee named by Governor Ehringhaus held its first meeting with J. W. Sears, of Goldsboro, field representative for the state commission, present.

The following officers were elected: Carl Slagle, Cartoogechaye, chairman; Walter Gibson, Iotla, vice chairman; J. E. Lancaster, Franklin, secretary. Other members of the committee are Frank Moody, Iotla; H. W. Cabe, Franklin.

"Any debtor or creditor seeking a readjustment in his debt relationship, one with the other," Mr. Sears explained, "may ask this committee to investigate and make recommendations to either or both parties for the purpose of effecting a satisfactory solution of any existing difficulties."

Dies at 98

Death Claims Mrs. Rosetta Norton at Otto

Mrs. Rosetta Norton, 98, one of the oldest residents of Macon county, died at the home of her son, Albert Norton, at 9 o'clock Wednesday night.

Funeral services will be held Friday at Asbury Methodist church, of which she had been a member since childhood, with the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Tabor, officiating.

he will need to sow on his own farm they will be very easy to dispose of locally and this would be a much better program than sending several thousand dollars, out of the county each year for a product we can grow locally.

What the Railroad Means to Franklin

Despite a slump in traffic during September, the Tallulah Falls rail way closed the first nine months of this year with an operating deficit of less than a thousand dollars; according to figures made public by R. G. Beshears, Franklin agent of the line.

The railroad reported a deficit for the entire nine months of \$845.19, of which \$676.71 was accumulated in September. Officials of the line hope business will increase during November and December and that the deficit will be wiped out by the end of the year. What rail facilities mean to Macon county is revealed in figures

compiled by Mr. Beshears on the amount paid for raw materials in this county such as mica, tan bark, ties and other wood products depending on the railroad for movement.

The Southern Mica company, Mr. Beshears said, has shipped this year 62 cars of ground mica, five cars of sand and five cars of clay, paying around \$19,560 for the scrap mica at its plant.

The Franklin Mineral Products company, he continued, has shipped 27 cars of wet ground mica this year, paying approximately \$14,161 for scrap mica, in addition to \$1,109.99 for fuel.

C. L. Pendergrass was reported to have shipped 65 cars of bark from the county, from which the county received a revenue of around \$9,555. Taylor and Colquitt have moved 156 cars of ties, netting Macon county people around \$21,600. Besides this, the railway itself has paid \$2,817.25 for ties bought in Macon county this year.

In addition, there have been moved seven cars of staves, five cars of vermiculite, 12 cars of lumber and six cars of cattle.

The two mica plants were reported to have paid out approximately \$15,000 in wages to date this year.

CAMPAIGN NOW IN HIGH GEAR

Joint Speaking Tour Ends Here Saturday Afternoon

With leaders in both parties predicting success for their nominees in next Tuesday's election, Macon county's off-year political campaign swung into high gear this week.

The Democrats are looking forward with much zest to a rally scheduled for 11 o'clock Saturday morning in the courthouse, when no less a personage than Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus is scheduled to be the principal speaker. They expect the governor to prove a "very present help in time of need." The Republicans are depending on home talent to pull them through, but the very frank ones don't hope for more than a bare chance at one or two offices on the county ticket. Success of the Democratic state ticket is, of course, a foregone conclusion and, therefore, little interest has been shown in the state campaign.

Predictions

There is enough doubt in the county contests to make it interesting, albeit candidates on both sides appear confident of success. Republican leaders have voiced predictions that they will win by majorities ranging from 50 to 200, while Democratic spokesmen are claiming they will carry the whole ticket with majorities ranging from 200 to 800.

The joint campaign will close Saturday with the candidates appearing at the courthouse at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Meanwhile, in addition to the joint speakings, various other political meetings are being held throughout the county under the auspices of Young Democratic and Young Republican clubs.

Registration Ends

Registration books were closed last Saturday, but the number of newly registered voters has not been reported. Saturday of this week will be challenge day. Workers in both parties are reported to be going after all the absentee votes they can get, but the new regulations governing absentee ballots are so stringent that the total number cast this year is expected to be smaller than in former elections.

Following is a list of the candidates whose names appear on the county ticket:

Democrats—For solicitor, 20th district, John M. Queen (unopposed); for senator, 33rd senatorial district, V. A. Browning; for representative, J. Frank Ray; for clerk of court, Harley R. Cabe; for sheriff, A. B. Slagle; for register of deeds, C. T. Bryson; for surveyor, J. H. Dalton; for coroner, C. M. Moore; for county commissioners, E. B. Byrd, chairman, F. H. Potts, C. L. Blaine.

Republican—For solicitor, blank; for senator, 33rd senatorial district, Clyde H. Jarrett; for representative, J. L. Sanders; for clerk of court, Geo. Dean; for sheriff, J. W. Hastings; for register of deeds, W. G. Crawford; for surveyor, Wayne Higdon; for coroner, Al Q. Williams; for county commissioners, John E. Rickman, chairman, C. W. Henderson, Craig Steppe.

On the state ticket the following Democrats are seeking reelection: Walter P. Stacy, chief justice of the supreme court; Michael Schenck, associate justice; Heriot Clarkson, associate justice; Charles M. Johnson, state treasurer; Stanley Winborne, utilities commissioner. They are opposed by the following Republicans in the order listed above: A. A. Whitener, W. H. Fisher, Willis G. Briggs, Charles M. Hoover, Calvin Zimmerman. Judicial elections occur in 10 districts, with Judge Felix E. Alley, incumbent in this, the 20th district, unopposed. Zebulon Weaver, Democratic congressman seeking reelection, is opposed by Halsey B. Leavitt.