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FUNERAL HELD FOR C. S. BROWN

Manager of Scott Griffin Hotel Dies of Heart Infection

Clarence Samuel Brown, 48, manager of the Scott Griffin Hotel for five years and one of Franklin's most popular business men, died of acute heart infection in the University Hospital, Augusta, Ga., at 9:50 o'clock Thursday night of last week.

With Mr. Brown at the time of his death were his wife and son, C. S. Brown, Jr., and the latter's wife. Mr. Brown was ill six weeks, but his friends did not know his condition was serious until after he entered the Augusta hospital on October 30. His illness started with an attack of influenza and this was followed by the heart infection. Until the day he left Franklin he maintained his customary geniality and little did his acquaintances realize that his days were numbered. A few days later word came from Augusta that Mr. Brown's condition was critical and Mrs. Brown, her son and daughter went to Augusta to be with him.

Funeral Saturday

The funeral was held at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning at Elliott's chapel in Augusta, where Mr. Brown formerly had lived for 17 years. The Rev. Dr. M. M. McFerrin, pastor of the Green Street Presbyterian church of Augusta, was in charge. The body was taken to Bartow, Ga., for burial in Mr. Brown's family burial ground.

Mr. Brown was born April 29, 1886, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Toliver S. Brown, in Jefferson county, Georgia. As a young man he went to Augusta and became actively identified with the commercial, civic and social life of that city. He was a charter member of the Augusta Exchange club, a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias and a member of the United Commercial Travelers.

Boosted Franklin

Mr. Brown came here with his family in October, 1929, and leased the Scott Griffin Hotel. Jovial and accommodating, he made many friends. He took an active interest in boosting Franklin and several years ago, after efforts to organize a chamber of commerce here had failed, he undertook to act as a one-man bureau of information, replying to letters of inquiry and disseminating literature about Franklin and Macon County. This he did without remuneration.

Surviving Mr. Brown, besides his widow and son, are four brothers, C. C. Brown, of Montgomery, Ala.; D. T. Brown, of Dublin, Ga.; J. A. Brown, of Mount Dora, Fla.; and L. M. Brown, of Binghampton, N. Y.; and one sister, Mrs. Blair Poore, of Belton, S. C.

Miss Monteray McGaha Dies at West's Mill

Miss Monteray McGaha died at her home at West's Mill last Thursday night at 8 o'clock after an illness of several months. Death was attributed to a sudden attack of heart disease.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Cowee Baptist church, of which she had been a member since childhood. The Rev. W. L. Bradley was in charge.

Active pallbearers were nephews of the deceased, as follows: Claude Roper, Fred McGaha, Arthur Shepherd, Wiley Roper, Lester Conley and Frank Roper.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Joseph Shepherd, of Leatherman, and one brother, W. A. McGaha, of West's Mill, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Campaign Lags

Red Cross Roll Call Still Far Short of Goal

Only 15 new memberships were reported during the past week by workers in the annual Red Cross roll call of the Macon county chapter, bringing the total number of members recruited since the drive started on November 11 to 135 less than half of the goal set for the county.

A number of the workers had not reported, however, and it was hoped and expected that when they submitted their reports a much better showing would be apparent. No word had been received from Highlands and also from several other sections of the county as to the outcome of this year's roll call. It was felt certain that Highlands would turn in a large number of memberships. The county's quota is 300 memberships.

Following is a list of the new members reported during the past week:

T. W. Angel, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Porter, James Porter, Thomas Porter, Jr., E. B. McCollum, Mrs. Claude Russell, Jim Palmer, Joseph Ashear, W. B. Lenoir, Elmer Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Cabe, G. L. Houk, Miss Helen Burch, Paul Carpenter.

CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

Bradshaw and Norton Are Sentenced in 'Brack' Norton Killing

Herbert Bradshaw and Edgar Howard, charged with murder in connection with the mysterious death the night of August 21 of Thomas "Brack" Norton, were found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in Macon superior court Saturday morning. Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., sentenced Bradshaw to serve from five to eight years and Howard three to five years in the state penitentiary at Raleigh. Howard served notice of an appeal to the state supreme court.

The jury received the case at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon and after remaining out for some time reported it had not reached a verdict, whereupon Judge Pless instructed it to continue its deliberations and report Saturday morning.

Defendants Take Stand

Trial of the case started Thursday morning. The chief prosecution witness was Sam Howard, an uncle of Edgar Howard, who told of seeing two men carry a man's body to highway No. 285 in the Mulberry section and place it on the road. This was following a chicken roast in the community at which Howard, Bradshaw and Norton had been present. The defendants went on the stand Friday morning. They admitted they had been at the chicken roast and that Bradshaw and Norton had engaged in a fight, but they said the two men later had become friends. They claimed that when they last saw Norton he was going down the highway toward Georgia to get some liquor.

Norton's body was discovered late at night by a group of negroes. The body was stretched across the highway and at first it appeared Norton had been the victim of a hit-and-run driver, but at a coroner's inquest testimony was given discounting this theory. Norton's neck had been broken and he was otherwise injured, but there were no blood marks on the paving where he was found. Bradshaw and Howard were arrested a few weeks later and held in jail without bond pending their trial.

Court Adjourns

Court was adjourned Saturday a short time after Judge Pless sentenced Bradshaw and Norton.

Progress Made by TVA In Stupendous Task of Restoring Soil and Forest

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the second of a series of four articles on what the TVA is doing and plans to do, written by a staff correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, international newspaper published in Boston. As Macon county is in a tributary area of the Tennessee Valley, these articles should prove especially interesting to readers of this newspaper.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — As the great experiment of the TVA goes forward the eyes of many men are upon the silt-colored waters of the mighty Tennessee. There, they know is flowing the fertility of upland meadows, of slopes that once were rich and fertile, but are now gouged by the torrential rains and the rushing freshets down to the bare bones of subsoil and rock.

Back of this appalling waste of fertility is the story of decades of slipshod and ignorant methods of farming, of the hard pressure of falling prices and vanishing markets. For it is an acknowledged fact that your uneconomic farmer is the poor farmer, the man who strives to wrest a meager living out of a land and has no choice but to take everything from the land and give nothing back, to

farm every available inch regardless of its suitability.

So it was that fields of corn and sorghum slanted toward the sky line, impoverishing the earth, and worse, laying it open to the rush of the freshets that carried it down to stain the swollen flood of the onrushing river. So potential corn and cotton went down to choke the bed of the river, make more disastrous future floods even as it denuded the land.

Misuse of Land

Millions of acres throughout the South bear dreary witness to the misuse of land areas. Forests were ripped away from slopes that never should have been denuded and in a few years were changed into barren gullies incapable of bearing crops, to lay stark and forlorn under blazing sun and torrential rain.

This is but one of the problems that the TVA found facing it in the valley it had chosen to work out its gigantic experiment. Down through the valley flowed the giant, through the valley that echoed with the activities of men who worked to harness its flowing. And even while these echoes were coming into being the Forestry and Soil Erosion Control Division began its work.

Under the direction of Mr. Ed (Continued on Page Five)

Much Significant Information Found in County's Tax Report

Gets Buck

Chief Henry Brings Down 150-Pound Deer

A fine two-year-old buck, weighing approximately 150 pounds, was shot by Police Chief R. F. Henry last Friday while hunting in the Cartoogechaye section a mile or more from the Wayah game refuge. It was the third deer reported killed in Macon county since the season opened.

Chief Henry sighted a drove of deer in the vicinity of Carl Slagle's farm. Following them, he managed to get in a position with the wind blowing toward him instead of toward the deer and crept up close enough to get a shot at one of the bucks with his shotgun, which was loaded with No. 2 shot. He used no dogs, as they are not allowed in hunting deer in western North Carolina.

The deer season was closed in this county for five or six years, but was opened again this year for bucks only from October 15 to December 15.

Franklin Girl Honored As Textile Designer

A silk brocade designed by Miss Annie Will Siler, of Franklin and New York, has been selected for display as an outstanding example of textile achievement in a current exhibition of American industrial art at the Metropolitan museum in New York City.

It is the second time that Miss Siler, a daughter of Mrs. F. L. Siler of Franklin, has been signally honored as a textile designer. Four years ago a sample of her work was chosen for display in an international exhibit. This was a design in sports goods and was used for upholstering airplanes.

Box Supper To Be Held At Allison-Watts School

A box supper will be given at 8 o'clock Saturday night at the Allison-Watts school, according to an announcement by J. D. Bredle. Special music will be furnished. The public is invited.

Total Taxable Valuation Of Macon Listed at \$5,629,764

Much interesting and significant information regarding Macon county is contained in a report prepared for the state board of assessment and made public this week by C. Tom Bryson, register of deeds and clerk of the county board of commissioners. Besides showing a total assessed valuation for the county of \$5,629,764 for the year 1934, the report also splits this valuation into various classifications.

Here are some of the facts gleaned from the report:

Acres of land listed, 216,703; valuation, \$3,318,609.

Manufacturing properties listed outside incorporated towns, valuations \$96,296.

Acres of mineral, timber, quarry and waterpower interests listed, 1,260; valuation, \$84,957.

Number of town lots, 1,815; valuation, \$1,119,896.

Total valuation of real estate, \$4,619,758.

Total valuation of all livestock, \$202,419.

Value of automobiles and motor vehicles, \$83,145.

Total value of all personal property above exemptions, \$1,010,006.

White polls listed, 2,238; negro polls listed, 38.

The valuation of Franklin township was shown as \$2,078,824; of Highlands, \$762,145.

Livestock listings were as follows: 665 horses, \$30,858; 977 mules, \$48,755; jacks and jennets, one only, \$75; 4,530 cattle (other than milk cattle) \$28,035; 4,199 milk cows, \$80,729; 3,885 hogs, \$10,508; 1,369 sheep, \$3,344; 38 goats, \$115.

Sunday School Convention To Be Held Sunday

The Macon county Baptist Sunday school convention will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Iotla Baptist church, according to an announcement by E. B. Dehart, associational superintendent. Mr. Dehart urged that every Baptist church in the county send delegates to the convention.

BOND TRADES SHOW PROFIT

Transactions of Retiring Commissioners Reveal Big Saving

A book profit of \$11,995 for Macon county is revealed in a study of bond transactions made by the retiring board of county commissioners during the past two years. The Press-Maconian learned this week.

This profit was made in purchases and trades for county bonds bearing future maturity dates. In addition, the board also has met payments amounting to a considerable sum on bond principal and interest due before it took office or falling due during its tenure. Exact figures on this were not available this week, pending a final check-up, of the county's records preparatory to the assumption of office Monday by the incoming board.

The greater part of the profit made by the county commissioners on bond transactions was made possible by the discovery, soon after they assumed office of \$21,880.10 of Macon county funds on deposit in the Central Hanover Bank and Trust company in New York. On close investigation, it was stated at the courthouse this week, it was found that \$10,500 of this amount had been placed with the bank as interest on an \$80,000 bond issue supposed to have been made in 1914 but found not to exist. After it was discovered that such an issue had never been sold, this \$10,500 was invested in \$21,985 of Macon county obligations, which were retired. These were bonds bearing future maturity dates and were offered to the county at less than half of their par value.

This single transaction meant a book profit to the county of \$11,485. Furthermore, it reduces the amount of principal upon which to pay interest in the future.

The balance of \$11,380.10 found on deposit in the Central Hanover Bank and Trust company, after having been with the bank nearly three years when found idle and intact, was transferred to the credit of bond interest in default beginning with January, 1932.

The retiring board also has liquidated a large part of the notes which were in the county's possession when it came into office. Included in these notes was paper taken over from the Bank of Franklin for frozen deposits.

The board exchanged \$8,000 in notes, including interest, for an equal amount of county bonds, retiring the latter with future interest coupons. The board also accepted \$2,000 of county bonds in exchange for \$1,490 of frozen assets in the Highlands Bank. This transaction netted a book profit of \$510.

In another transaction, not involving bonds, however, the board exchanged \$2,000 of notes it held for real estate, which it in turn sold to the county board of education at the same price, the land being a needed addition to the Franklin school site.

The new board of county commissioners, consisting of Ed Byrd, chairman, F. H. Potts and C. L. Blaine, will be sworn in next Monday. Other county officers named in the recent election also will be sworn in Monday: Harley R. Cabe as clerk of court, succeeding Frank I. Murray; C. T. Bryson for another term as register of deeds; A. B. Slagle for another term as sheriff; J. H. Dalton for another term as county surveyor, and C. M. Moore for another term as coroner.