

# EROSION CAUSE OF HEAVY LOSS

## Report Shows Thousands Of Acres in Macon Ruined

Macon county has lost the value of 35,080 acres, or 10.54 per cent, of its total area because of aggravated erosion, according to the Soil Erosion Service of the United States Department of the Interior. Of the 332,800 acres which comprise the county there are 9,680 acres already abandoned due primarily to severe erosion, the report shows. Also, there are 15,460 acres having 25 to 75 per cent of the topsoil gone.

The government has found that the county contains 274,720 acres of forest, and that there are 23,389 acres under cultivation, 6,511 acres of idle tillable land and 18,500 acres of open pastureland in addition to the nine, thousand odd acres of abandoned land. The section of the county most seriously damaged by erosion is the valley of the Little Tennessee river.

The report is the result of an erosion survey made of the entire state under the direction of W. D. Lee and W. W. Stevens, soil specialists of the North Carolina area of the Soil Erosion Service, to determine the general land condition in North Carolina. Regional headquarters of the Soil Erosion Service is in High Point.

The entire mountain section of North Carolina, consisting of 25 counties, has upward of 850,000 acres of formerly productive farm land that is severely eroded and gullied. This represents 13 per cent of the total acreage of the section. Of this amount there are over 365,000 acres which have been abandoned as wasteland due to the effects of unrestrained rainwash.

The Piedmont county, in worst condition as a result of rainwash, is shown to have nearly 10 per cent of its total acreage abandoned as being too poor to cultivate due primarily to erosion. In that county alone erosion has robbed more than 80,000 acres of a large part of the priceless topsoil, the survey brought out. The amount of eroded wasteland in the average mountain county was found to be nearly one half of its normally cultivated area.

Besides the great amount of land abandoned because of erosion, there exist in the 25 counties 800,600 additional acres from which erosion has robbed 25 to 75 per cent of the topsoil and with serious gully-ing becoming apparent.

Counties included in the report of the mountain section are Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey.

## Benefit Balls

### To Be Held at Andrews And Murphy

A round dance will be held in the Andrews gymnasium and a square dance will be held in the Murphy gymnasium Wednesday night, Jan. 30, 9:30 o'clock in observance of the birthday of President Roosevelt. Seventy per cent of the proceeds will go to the committee for local victims of infantile paralysis and the other thirty per cent will go to national headquarters for research work in connection with the disease.

The committee in charge of the dances has arranged to have prizes given away during the dances, a miniature floor show will be held and the halls will be gayly decorated for the occasion. The famous Cherokee Indian dancers have been invited to the Murphy dance.

The Tennesseans, a nine-piece band from the University of Tennessee, has been engaged to furnish the music for the dance at Andrews, and Earl Johnson's string band, one of the most popular in this section, will perform at Murphy.

Admission will be \$1.50 per couple. Tickets are good at either or both dances.

Life insurance was known in England as early as 1696.

## Erosion Survey of Macon County

PRESENT LAND USE		
	Acres	% of Total Area
Cultivated land	23,389	7.03
Idle tillable land	6,511	1.96
Waste land	9,680	2.90
Open pasture land	18,500	5.56
Forested land	274,720	82.54
<b>Total Area</b>	<b>332,800</b>	

STEEPNESS OF LAND		
	Acres	% of Total Area
Level to undulating	8,256	2.48
Moderately rolling		
Strongly rolling	3,500	1.05
Hilly	45,444	13.65
Very steep	275,600	82.81

EXTENT OF EROSION		
	Acres	% of Total Area
Little or no erosion	282,260	84.81
Severe (up to 75% of topsoil gone)	15,460	4.64
Very severe with gullying	35,080	10.54
<b>Total area severely eroded, gullied and abandoned</b>	<b>50,540</b>	<b>15.18</b>

## Going Fishing



NEW YORK . . . Ever since Mrs. Oliver C. Grinnell 57, (above), caught that big tuna fish last year, business has not interested her so much. Last week she gave her lithographing business to her employees and is oiling up the reel to go fishing.

## ESCAPE WITH \$1,350 GOODS

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three dozen ladies' wash dresses just recently unpacked, and 18 pairs of men's dress shoes.

The robbers evidently had some information concerning the store and its stock of goods. They took only the higher priced goods and did not disturb the cheaper grades.

### Store Lighted

A light left burning in the rear of the store Tuesday night was found still burning when Mr. Sanders opened for business Wednesday morning.

It is not known when the robbery occurred, but it is thought to have taken place sometime between 2 and 4 a. m. Wednesday morning. Mr. Ashe was reported to have said that he passed the store at 2 o'clock and again at 4 o'clock and noticed nothing to arouse his suspicions. At about 3 o'clock in the morning Police Chief R. F. Henry, who lives upstairs in the Franks building, across and down the street from Sanders' Store, said he was awakened by dogs barking. He said he looked out of his windows, but seeing no prowlers, returned to bed.

Someone reported seeing a truck or car on Iotla street, from which the lot back of Sanders' Store can be approached, shortly after 2 a. m.

### Frightened Away

The Pendergrass store also was entered from the rear. A pane of glass was removed from a back door. The pennies which were stolen were taken from a cash drawer and a desk located near the cash drawer had been turned topsy-turvy by the thief or thieves. No merchandise, other than a few packages of cigarettes, had been disturbed. A dog was reported to have caused a disturbance in the vicinity at about 2 a. m. and it is thought that the thief or thieves fled before completing the haul.

After investigating the robberies Wednesday Chief Henry said he believed they were perpetrated by different individuals or groups. He

based his opinion on footprints, stating that marks found in the mud at the rear of the two stores were strikingly different.

Deputy Sheriff John Dills, who also investigated the crimes, expressed the belief, however, that both robberies were committed by the same group of storebreakers. He said similar automobile tracks were found back of Sanders' Store and in an alley alongside the Pendergrass Store.

Bloodhounds were brought from Clayton, Ga., and put on a scent at the rear of Sanders' Store, but the trail-ended at the point where the thieves are believed to have parked their automobile or truck.

Officers in nearby towns and cities were notified of the robberies Wednesday and were requested to be on the lookout for the stolen goods. It is thought very likely that Tuesday night's robberies, as well as other robberies here in recent months, were the work of an organized band of thieves who very probably had a prearranged outlet for their loot.

### Other Storebreakings

In the past year or so the Dowdle Wholesale Company has been robbed on several occasions the amount of goods stolen running into several thousand dollars the depot of the Tallulah Falls railway has been robbed three or four times, and the Standard Oil Service station near the depot has been broken into and robbed twice.

At the town council meeting Thursday morning the opinion was expressed by some of the members that there is very likely some connection between the various robberies.

After considerable discussion the board voted to dispense with Mr. Ashe's services as night watchman, effective the first Monday in February. It also voted to appoint Ralph (Red) Welch as the night officer, to begin his duties immediately. There was also some discussion as to whether two night watchmen should be kept permanently on duty, but action on this was deferred until the next regular meeting, the first Monday night in February.

### FOREST FIRE FIGHTING

Fire fighting expense and acreage burned over in the 163 million acres of national forest lands has been held below the record of other comparable years, despite the driest summer in decades. Officials of the National Park service have reported that damage to national parks this past year has been negligible except for one serious conflagration in the Mesa National Park. Each service attributes its success in holding down fire losses largely to the availability of large numbers of CCC men and to the better communication, transportation and fire detection facilities which have been built into the forest and park fire protection systems.

### Last Revolutionary Pensioner

Daniel F. Dakeman was the last pensioner of the Revolutionary War. He died 86 years after the close of the war at the age of 109 years, 8 months and 8 days, on April 5, 1869, at Freedom, New York.

A colossal figure of The Sower, designed by Lee Lowrie, surmounts the 430 foot tower of the state capitol at Lincoln, Neb.

## In a Hurry



BOSTON . . . George C. Dade (above), of New York University, had to get here in a hurry, for the annual meeting, as President of the National Student Congress. So he hopped in his plane and set it down here three hours later.

## Clippings

### I AM THE RADIO A Message to Parents BY P. R. HAYWARD

I am the Radio.  
I am a few pieces of wood, some coils of wire—and a flame of human genius.

At the touch of your fingers, I bring the world and its wonders to your side.

And that world, such as it is, exactly as it is, I offer, without effort, to your child.

I cause him to laugh with me at the buffoons, the fools, and the verbal cartoonists of the day.

I make him shudder and bite his nails, crouched in his chair, as I bring him the roars of beasts, the hammer of guns, the schemes of daring and fascinating desperadoes.

I carry him away, out of the drab everyday-ness of the best home you can provide him, and make him worship strange scenes, new delights, and strong personalities.

These become his heroes; these set his ideals; these come in by pervasive and inevitable channels of subtle influence to undo or to reinforce all that you seek to do with him.

I am another of those new powers in education slowly undermining the work of the old.

And those who control and create me know not what a thunder-bolt they forge when they fling my forces out upon the world.

I am the Radio.

—Adult Student.

The republic of Panama has 927 miles of paved highways with 175 miles under construction.

# DEATH CLAIMS MRS. M'DONALD

## Former Franklin Woman Dies of Pneumonia At Candler

Funeral services for Mrs. Nora Annie McDonald, 38, were held at Louisa Chapel Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. L. W. Hall officiated.

Mrs. McDonald died at her home at Candler, near Asheville, Sunday morning about 11 o'clock with influenza, followed by pneumonia. She was a member of the Mount Hope Baptist church, having joined in early life.

Mrs. McDonald was the daughter of Mrs. John J. Blaine, of Franklin, and the late Mr. Blaine.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Emory McDonald, and three children, Clarence, Kathleen and Margaret Anne, of Candler; her mother, Mrs. John J. Blaine; two brothers, J. C. Blaine, of Jacksonville, Fla., and David N. Blaine, of New York City, and two sisters, Mrs. Demeris Jones, of Cartoogechaye, and Mrs. Pearl E. Franks, of Franklin.

At the age of eight a child should be familiar with approximately 3,600 words.

## LEGAL ADVERTISING

### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of M. F. Jones, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of Jan., 1936, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 23rd day of Jan., 1935.

LYDIA JANE JONES,  
Administratrix.

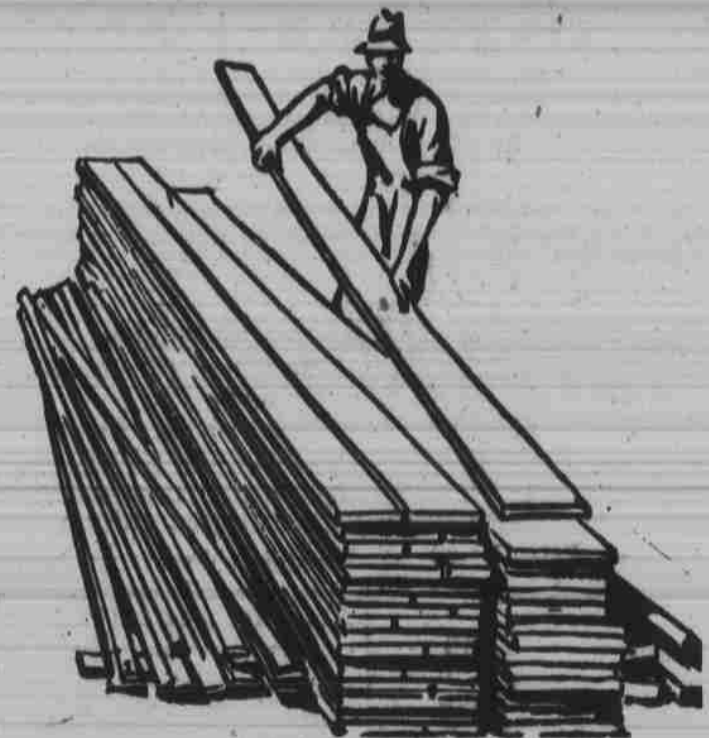
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## Classified Advertisements

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And, too, we can supply everything else needed by the builder—hardware, paints, cement, brick, plaster, roofing, sheetrock, wallboard. . . . yes, everything.

## Franklin Hardware Co.