

# The Franklin Press

and

The Highlands Maconian

PROGRESSIVE

LIBERAL

INDEPENDENT

VOL. I, No. 29

FRANKLIN, N. C., THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1935

\$1.50 PER YEAR

## Singing Class

### To Give Concert in Franklin Monday Night

The Oxford Orphanage singing class will pay its annual visit to Franklin next Monday, giving a concert at 8:15 o'clock Monday evening in the courthouse under the sponsorship of the Junaluskee Masonic lodge.

The program will feature songs, drills, folk songs and dance figures. The children are appearing this year in a variety of new costumes. There are 14 boys and girls in the class. While here they will be cared for in the homes of members of the Masonic order.

The singing class is again under the direction of Mrs. Sadie T. Hutchinson.

For more than 50 years the singing class has made annual tours all over North Carolina, each year bringing a new group of children and a new program. The appearance of these children in the various communities has been a great influence in cultivating interest in the cause of the orphan. In the 62 years of its existence there is scarcely a community in the state which has not sent some boy or girl to the Oxford Orphanage at Oxford, N. C., which is maintained by the Masons of North Carolina.

## CALLS MEETING OF MACON POST

### Purchase of Club House Site Considered by Legionnaires

A special meeting of the Macon county post of the American Legion was called this week by Gilmer A. Jones, commander of the post, for 8 o'clock Monday night of next week in the courthouse. All ex-service men are invited to attend.

Plans for securing a site for a club house for the post were discussed at a meeting here Monday night. C. Tom Bryson, Adolph Zoellner and J. Frank Ray were named as a committee to investigate a site and to formulate plans in connection with the building.

Some months ago the county commissioners offered to deed to the legion a site on Harrison avenue next to the Methodist church for the construction of a legion clubhouse. At that time it was proposed to erect a club house which would serve not only as a meeting place for the legion but also as a general community center. The legion now has under consideration the purchase of another site.

At the meeting last Monday night plans also were discussed for organizing a string band by the post. Herbert C. Knoch was appointed to supervise the organization work.

A program committee also was named, consisting of Mr. Knoch, Mrs. Lassie Kelly Cunningham and the Rev. J. A. Flanagan. Mrs. Cunningham, Boise Hall and Frank I. Murray were appointed to a membership committee.

A. R. Higdon was elected service officer in addition to his duties as adjutant and finance officer.

### Mrs. T. M. Slagle's Condition Critical

Mrs. T. M. Slagle, who has been in declining health for some months, was reported today to be critically ill, with little hope of recovery, at her home eight miles west of Franklin on state highway No. 28. Mrs. Slagle was said to have been in a coma for several days. Miss Lucy Slagle, a daughter who has been living in Wilmington, was called home the latter part of last week on account of her mother's condition.

### Well Known Murphy Man Dies in Franklin

Sam Aiken, well known business man of Murphy, N. C., suffered a fatal stroke of paralysis while on a business visit in Franklin Tuesday. He was sitting in Angel's Drug Store when stricken. He was taken immediately to the hospital, but died in a few minutes. Mr. Aiken, a hardware dealer in Murphy, was well known throughout western North Carolina.

THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT'S

## Summary of 1935 Local Laws

Affecting Macon County, its Towns, Subdivisions and Citizens

By Henry Brandis, Jr., Dillard S. Gardner, T. N. Grice

Continuing a practice inaugurated in 1933 The Institute of Government presents herewith, for the convenience of local officials and the press, a summary of local laws affecting Macon county, its towns, subdivisions and citizens. Of course, many general laws also affect the county, but space does not permit a summary of these. A summary of general state-wide laws will be found in the May-June issue of Popular Government, The Institute's magazine. In this summary for the county, only local laws, and general laws from which the county or some part of the county is specifically excepted are mentioned. No attempt is made to cover bills which never became law.

### I. LAWS AFFECTING THE ENTIRE COUNTY

#### A. Tax Laws

There are five new local laws affecting taxes in Macon county. (1) Chapter 397, Public-Local Laws, declares an economic emergency exists in the county and directs the commissioners to levy, in 1935 and 1936, only such taxes for debt service and other purposes as the taxpayers can pay and retain their homes, not exceeding \$1 on the \$100 of valuation. After 1936, the commissioners are to decide annually if the emergency still exists, based chiefly on the prices of the county's products, and levy taxes accordingly, their findings being subject to review by the courts. The Chapter also directs the commissioners to adjust the bonded debt with bondholders and refinance accordingly. (2) Chapter 344, Public-Local Laws, authorizes the governing authorities of the county and the various municipalities therein to accept six years notes, bearing 6 per cent interest from April 1, 1935, for the face amount of taxes for 1927-32, if such notes are given before April 1, 1936. The Chapter provides that the authorities may require payment of 1933 taxes as a prerequisite to accepting notes, and provides that the notes be recorded in "Tax Liens" book and noted on the record of tax sales certificates, such notes to be liens superior to all except liens for current taxes and may

be foreclosed upon default in payment, but no personal judgment attaches when notes are foreclosed. The Chapter allows a 10 per cent discount on the face amount for payment of 1927-32 taxes on or before April 1, 1936 and a like discount for payment of any tax lien note before maturity. Finally, 1926 and prior taxes are barred if foreclosure actions have not been instituted, and extends to October 1, 1936 the time in which to institute foreclosure proceedings on 1927-32 taxes. (3) Chapter 138, Public-Local Laws, extends to October 1, 1935 the time to institute foreclosure of 1932 taxes, and to October 1, 1936 the time to foreclose 1933 taxes, whether certificates are held by the county or by other purchasers for value. (4) Chapter 58, Public-Local Laws, validates all tax sales by the county or municipalities therein held in the wrong month during 1933 and 1934. (5) Chapter 102, Public-Local Laws, which is applicable in Macon and several other counties, provides that in all actions involving title to real property, if the winning party or his predecessors in title have failed to pay taxes on the land and such taxes have been paid by the losing party or his predecessors in title, the losing party shall be entitled to recover the taxes so paid. The amount of such recovery is limited to twenty years' taxes, and it is subject to be diminished by any amount which the winning party may recover as rents and profits. Whatever remains of the amount recovered for taxes, after it has been so diminished, is made a lien on the property and if such amount is not paid within three months after the date of the judgment the lien may be enforced by execution or ven. ex.

#### B. Other Laws

Chapter 4, Public Laws, provides for the selection, at each April term of court, of a grand jury to serve for one year.

Chapter 405, Public-Local Laws, fixes the fees for regular and tales jurors at \$2.50 per day and 5 cents per mile for one round trip from residence to courthouse.

Chapter 394, Public-Local Laws, (Continued on Page Eight)

## NO PARALYSIS IN THIS AREA

### Mountain Area Considered Safe from Mysterious Malady

Prompted by reports that Macon county's tourist business had suffered a decided decline during the past 10 days on account of the existence of infantile paralysis in North Carolina, The Press-Maconian investigated the situation this week and learned that there is no reason for fear of the mysterious disease in this county or contiguous territory.

Dr. W. A. Rogers, county physician, stated that there had not been and there was not now a single case of infantile paralysis in the county. Dr. C. N. Sisk, district health officer for the counties of Haywood, Jackson and Swain, said there was not a case of the malady in that area. A fatality at Bryson City, first attributed to infantile paralysis, was later discovered by laboratory tests to have been caused by another disease.

About six weeks ago there was a report that there was a case of infantile paralysis in Jackson county, but Dr. Sisk informed The Press-Maconian that there was no proof that it was paralysis and there were good reasons to believe that it was another malady. He definitely stated that there was not a single infantile paralysis case in his district at this time and, as far as he knew, there was only one case in Western North Carolina. That, he added, was in Buncombe county.

#### Declining in State

"Infantile paralysis," Dr. Sisk said, "is unquestionably declining in North Carolina. It is well under control and there is no cause for alarm. The disease now seems more prevalent in Richmond, Philadelphia and New York.

The disease in this state has been reported most prevalent in the vicinity of Raleigh, from which point the mountain resort area is as distant or more distant than Washington, D. C., or Charleston, S. C.

Although comparatively little is known by medical science concerning infantile paralysis and its cause, doctors are inclined to believe that it is most likely to strike where the climate is hot. It has never been prevalent in cool, mountain climates. It is also pointed out that mountain areas are comparatively sparsely settled and, therefore, the chances of an epidemic are considerably lessened.

## Revival

### To Start Monday at Iotla Methodist Church

A series of revival services will be held at the Iotla Methodist church starting at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning, it was announced this week by the Rev. B. W. Lefler, pastor of the Franklin circuit.

Services will be held twice each day.

"We are very fortunate," Mr. Lefler said, "in having with us the Rev. W. A. Rollins, presiding elder of the Waynesville district. Mr. Rollins is a great gospel preacher. Come and hear him."

### Attending Rotary Assembly at Lenoir

Fred S. Sloan, president of the Franklin Rotary club, George Johnston, secretary and treasurer, and Guy L. Houk, a former president of the club, left Thursday for Lenoir, N. C., to attend an assembly of Rotarians of the 58th Rotary district. They expect to return Friday night or Saturday.

## NEW FEATURE

### "The Story of the Constitution"

BY CALEB JOHNSON

Citizens of the United States have become intensely government-minded during the last half-dozen years.

Right now, there is much discussion—and there is going to be a lot more in the weeks and months ahead—about "the Constitution."

Caleb Johnson, Washington correspondent of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian, listened to the growing volume of discussion over the Constitution and reached the conclusion that an awful lot of folks would welcome an accurate, unbiased and non-partisan story of the Constitution so they might better know the facts upon which to base discussion.

Mr. Johnson has written a most remarkable fact-story of how the Constitution came into being and all of the interesting detail of its 148 years of existence, 1787 to 1935.

"The Story of the Constitution" will be published in The Press-Maconian in weekly installments. The first appears this week on the editorial page. You will find this series of articles interesting and informative. Read them.—The Editor.