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STORES WARNED ABOUT SCALES

State Inspector of Weights And Measures Visits Franklin

More than half the scales in Franklin and vicinity were condemned by O. L. Yates, state inspector of weights and measures, who paid an unexpected visit to this county Tuesday.

Only about 32 per cent of the scales here were found to be accurate, Mr. Yates reported; but many of those condemned were shorting the storekeeper instead of the customer. But regardless of whether scales show underweight or overweight, if they are inaccurate they are condemned.

"It's a poor law that doesn't work both ways," commented Mrs. Yates, who filled out inspection reports while her husband checked scales, measures and gasoline pumps.

Scales Labeled

Approved scales were labeled with a green seal, while those which were found grossly inaccurate were labeled with red seals and the owners warned not to use them until the inaccuracies had been corrected. In some instances, where scales were found to be only slightly off or could not be approved for other reasons, no labels were placed upon them; but Mr. Yates advised the public to buy from stores where the scales bear green labels.

Packages Condemned

Ninety-nine per cent of the pre-weighed packages found in stores here were condemned, mostly because they were not stamped with the net weight, as required by law. Mr. Yates warned merchants to label the net weight on all pre-weighed packages to avoid prosecution. He also warned dry goods merchants to abandon the use of tacks placed in a counter for measuring cloth, as this is contrary to law, which requires that the customer must be able to see the figures on an accurate rule or other measuring device.

Reports on Gas Pumps

Finding that 59 per cent of the gasoline pumps in Franklin were rendering accurate measurements, Mr. Yates said this was the best record he had found in any community west of Winston-Salem. He said he discovered a few pumps shorting the customer in varying amounts up to 39 cubic inches per five gallons; but he also found some tanks which were giving customers 10 to 29 cubic inches too much for each five gallons.

White tags were placed on approved pumps and red tags on condemned pumps.

Before leaving town Mr. Yates warned merchants and filling station operators that in the future violations of the weights and measures law will be prosecuted. He especially emphasized the necessity of merchants stamping net weights on pre-weighed packages, stating that the minimum penalty for violation of this provision is a fine of \$10 and the costs.

Funeral Services Held For Greenwood Infant

Funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kelly Greenwood were held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at their home on west Main street. The Rev. Frank Bloxham, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church, officiated. Burial was in the Franklin cemetery.

The child died Friday afternoon, two days after its birth.

2 Stores To Close For Jewish New Year

Blumenthal's and Polly's stores will be closed Saturday of this week in observance of the Jewish New Year.

OUR NEXT PRESIDENT - POLL

This newspaper is cooperating with 2000 other newspapers in making this nation-wide poll.

VOTE IN ONE BLOCK ONLY

Do you favor the re-election of President Roosevelt?

(yes) (no)

Or, do you favor the nomination, by the Democratic party, of some Democrat other than President Roosevelt?

(FIRST CHOICE)

(SECOND CHOICE)

(THIRD CHOICE)

Do you favor the election of a Republican?

(yes) (no)

If you are in favor of a Republican, whom do you wish nominated?

(FIRST CHOICE)

(SECOND CHOICE)

(THIRD CHOICE)

Or, if you favor the organization of a third party, whom would you want this new party to nominate?

(FIRST CHOICE)

(SECOND CHOICE)

(THIRD CHOICE)

Every reader of this newspaper may vote. No reader is required to sign his name. Vote now and mail the ballot to this newspaper.

Voting Gets Under Way in 'Our Next President Poll'

Barnard Loven, who is taking a beauty course here.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Flanagan and two children will spend the week-end in Columbia, S. C., visiting Mrs. Flanagan's brother, the Rev. F. Ray Riddle. Mr. Flanagan will preach in Summerville, S. C., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lewis and Mrs. Bill Cassidy, of Winston-Salem, spent last week visiting Mr. Lewis' mother, Mrs. Dave Lewis, Sr., and sister, Miss Lena Lewis. They were accompanied on their return by Eva Allman, who will spend several months with her uncle, Mr. Lewis.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Flanagan and son, John, spent Tuesday in Demorest, Ga., the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Davis.

Miss Essie Cunningham left Monday for Lucama, N. C., where she will teach school this winter.

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Roelen Guffee is home from Angel Hospital after a serious operation. He is improving nicely.

Miss Blanche Soutard has returned to her home after staying two months in Highlands.

Mrs. Elijah Grant and small son have returned to her home at Franklin after spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Fred Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Southard and family, of Franklin, were visiting relatives in this section Sunday.

Singing Convention To Be Held Sunday

The Macon County Fifth Sunday Singing convention will be held Sunday in the courthouse, according to an announcement by Jim Raby, president of the organization. He said singers were expected to attend from all sections of the county, from adjoining counties and also from South Carolina and Georgia.

First Local Returns To Be Published Next Week

Ballots began to trickle into The Press-Maconian office this week in the nationwide "Our Next President Poll."

The first returns were rather light, as was to be expected; but by next week's issue we hope to have a sufficient number of votes turned in to warrant publication of a tabulation of results for Macon county.

The Press-Maconian, cooperating with 2,000 other newspapers throughout the country, introduced this nation-wide pre-convention poll to afford voters throughout the nation an opportunity to express their choices of major party presidential candidates for 1936.

Non-Partisan Vote

The poll is a strictly non-partisan vote which does not politically commit the voter in any manner. It is not official, but purely a straw vote to give citizens a chance to indicate to party leaders which candidates are preferred and the ticket upon which they would like to see those candidates make the 1936 race.

In this government minded nation of ours today, voters everywhere are discussing the political possibilities of 1936. They would like to know how voters in other states are thinking, which public men they favor and what is the outlook in the various sections of the country.

Let's All Vote

Wouldn't you like to know how things are shaping up politically throughout the country? Well, we would too and the way for us all to learn which way political winds are blowing is to vote the "Our Next President Poll" ballot, which is printed above.

Read the ballot. Clip it, vote it (Continued on Page Eight)

Press Campaign To End Saturday

Home Agent

Named for Macon and Clay Counties

Mrs. Katharine Mather O'Neil arrived in Franklin Monday to take up her duties as home demonstration agent for Macon and Clay counties under the state and federal extension service.

For the past two years Mrs. O'Neil has been teaching in the Asheville public schools. Prior to going to Asheville she had experience in teaching home economics and for 10 years was supervisor of home demonstration work in Forsyth county.

This week Mrs. O'Neil was visiting various communities throughout the county preparatory to mapping a program of activities. She said she planned to organize home demonstration clubs among the women in each community in the county and would soon announce a schedule of meetings for this purpose. Meanwhile she requested that any women interested in the work communicate with her at the county courthouse.

In most counties home demonstration work is supported jointly by the county and the state-federal extension service; but Macon county has declined to appropriate its share of the expense and until now has been without a home agent. Seeing the need for work of this type in Macon and Clay counties, the extension service decided to send Mrs. O'Neil here at its own expense.

THINK BAILEY BANK ROBBER

Officers Believe He Had Part in Highlands, Clayton Robberies

Ray Bailey, alleged killer who escaped under a volley of bullets when officers raided his hideout in Transylvania county early Monday morning, is believed by Macon county officers to have figured in bank robberies at Highlands and Clayton during the summer.

Sheriff Slagle and Deputy Sheriff John Dills joined other officers of this section in the search for Bailey. The desperado, who is wanted for the slaying of a policeman in Greenville, S. C., in 1932, was traced to Clayton, Ga., and then to Gainesville, Ga., where he was reported to have received medical treatment for a wound in one of his arms received in his flight Monday morning.

Bailey is believed to have left Gainesville Tuesday. One report was that he probably headed for Atlanta but a man answering his description was said to have purchased a railroad ticket to Greenville. Officers in both cities are on the lookout for him.

Bailey was described as five feet eight inches tall, weighing about 175 pounds; about 30 years old. He was said to have a round face, brown eyes and black hair.

Macon county officers said this tallied with the description of one of the men participating in the bank robberies at Clayton and Highlands.

Official Rules for Closing Circulation Drive Announced

The Press-Maconian circulation campaign will officially close promptly at 8 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, Saturday night, September 28. There can be absolutely no deviation from this closing minute and the official judges will hold watches to declare the closing time. The following rules will be observed in closing the campaign and awarding the prizes:

Official Rules

1. The doors of The Press office will be locked promptly at 8 p. m. and no one will be allowed to enter after that time to deposit subscriptions.

2. Members who are already inside The Press office at that time will be allowed all necessary time thereafter to prepare their reports.

3. To allow members the privilege of secret "balloting" in the closing week, a sealed box will be provided in which all reports covering work done this week will be deposited by members. This box will remain sealed until the campaign is declared officially closed and then will go into the possession of the judges who will tabulate and credit votes on its contents, and add to previous records of the campaign.

4. Members will enclose receipts covering this week's collections in an envelope accompanied by cash, checks or money orders to cover, sealing same, writing their name on the outside and depositing in the sealed box, making sure that receipts and cash tally exactly. Members may make an early Saturday deposit and an additional one or more at any time before the official closing hour if they secure additional subscriptions.

5. No personal checks of contestants beyond their own subscriptions will be counted, but as heretofore checks of subscribers will be received and counted as cash.

6. The judges, to be selected from reputable business men of Macon county, are the official representatives of the members. Therefore, all members will be required to sign an agreement accepting the decision of the judges as final and binding, without recourse.

7. Immediately after the close the judges, together with the campaign manager and publisher, will retire to some private room to tabulate the official returns. As soon as this task is completed they will return to The Press office and make the official, written and signed report of the results. Checks to prize winners will be mailed from The Press office, Monday, September 30, in accordance with the report of the judges.

Workers Are Busy

Members of the campaign are busily engaged this week in rounding up all last minute prospects and promises, and will undoubtedly continue Saturday until just before the final gong rings down the curtain. The public is urged to help them on their first call rather than waiting until Saturday, in order to lighten their last minute rush to get them all in on time.

Double votes less 10% will be credited on all subscriptions this week, as follows:

6 months	..... 75	1,800
8 months	..... 1.00	2,700
1 year	..... 1.50	3,600
2 years	..... 3.00	9,000
3 years	..... 4.50	18,000
4 years	..... 6.00	36,000
5 years	..... 7.50	63,000
10 years	..... 15.00	180,000