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## W. B. UNDERWOOD BEGINS DUTIES

### W. B. Underwood Becomes Pastor of Baptist Church

Rev. William B. Underwood, of Monticello, Ga., assumed his duties as pastor of the Baptist church of Franklin today.

Underwood and his family, including his wife and a daughter, arrived last Thursday. They are occupying the Baptist parsonage.

Underwood graduated from Mercer University at Macon, Ga., in 1926. Mr. Underwood accepted a call to the Baptist church at Monticello, which church he remained at until he resigned to become pastor of the Franklin church.

Monticello he was a member of the Masonic lodge and of the civic club.

Served in Army  
Underwood was reared at Macon, Ga. During the World War he served in the United States Army and for eight months was stationed at Camp Merrimac in the state of France as an instructor in military school.

Schedule of Services

Services for next Sunday were announced by Mr. Underwood as follows:  
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.  
10:30 a. m.—Preaching service.  
7:30 p. m.—B. T. U. meeting.  
8:30 p. m.—Preaching service.  
Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. the midweek prayer service will be held.

Underwood succeeds as pastor of the First Baptist church the late William Marshall Burns, who died in July to accept an appointment as army chaplain assigned to the Civilian Conservation Corps at Savannah, Ga.

## Furman Angel Buys H. Franks Homeplace

Furman Angel confirmed this morning that he had made a deal for the purchase of the old E. H. Franks homeplace on Main street across from the federal building.

The consideration involved was \$4,000, but it was reported that the deed has not yet been recorded, as it first must be signed by the heirs of the Franks estate, some of whom live in distant parts of the country. Negotiations were handled through J. D. Franks, who is in charge of the Franks estate.

Angel said he was buying the property as an investment and had plans for its development at an early date.

## New Store Expected To Open Soon In Franks Building

Rebuilding of the Franks building, recently purchased by Dr. Furman Angel and Dr. Edgar Angel, was nearing completion this week and finishing touches were under way on the large storeroom on the main floor in preparation for occupancy by the Macon Furniture company, incorporated.

The exact date for the opening of the new furniture store was not announced, but it was thought the building would be ready for occupancy the latter part of this week or early next week.

R. J. Snyder and J. R. Long, prominent Sylva business men, are proprietors of the new store. They also operate stores in Sylva, Bryson City and Andrews. Mr. Snyder will be assisted in management of the Franklin store by C. Truman Moody, formerly of Sylva.

## ZEB M. CLOUSE DIES IN CRASH

### Franklin Man Killed in Auto Collision In Atlanta

Zeb M. Clouse, 45, of Franklin, was killed in an automobile collision in Atlanta, Ga., at 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

The body was brought to Franklin early Monday by O. C. Bryant, local funeral director, and the funeral was held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Mt. Zion Methodist church on Route 1 with the Rev. O. E. Croy, pastor of the Macon Methodist circuit, officiating.

Pall bearers were John Lyle Waldroop, W. T. Moore, Joseph Ashcraft, Harold Sloan, Thomas W. Porter, Jr., Frank I. Murray and A. B. Slagle.

Mr. Clouse was reported to have been killed when another automobile collided with one he was driving, at Forsyth and Garnet streets. The driver of the other car was arrested on charges of drunkenness and reckless driving. His name was listed as W. H. Crussell, of Atlanta.

Clouse was reported to have been thrown from his car. He was taken to Grady hospital, where he was pronounced dead. An examination revealed that his skull was fractured and his right arm and left shoulder crushed.

Mr. Clouse had been working in Georgia for several months. He is survived by three daughters, Esther, 18, Nina, 15, Nell, 13, and a son, George, 10, all of Franklin; his mother, who lives in Gastonia, and a number of brothers and sisters. Mrs. Clouse died in July, 1935.

## C. M. Moses, CCC Enrollee Found Dead in Truck

Claude M. Moses, 23, of the Walnut Creek section of Macon county, was found dead in a motor truck arriving at a CCC camp at Raven's Ford, Swain county, Saturday night. His companions reported that on the return to camp he had wrapped himself in a blanket and gone to sleep. Arriving at camp, they discovered he was dead.

One theory was advanced that Moses had died of carbon monoxide gas poisoning from fumes expelled through the truck's exhaust pipe.

Moses' body was brought to Franklin by O. C. Bryant, local funeral director. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Walnut Creek school house with the Rev. Frank Holland officiating. Burial was in a graveyard near the school.

Moses was a son of Mrs. Will Moses, of Walnut Creek.

## Edward VIII Quits Throne For Wally Simpson's Love; Duke of York To Be King

King Edward VIII abdicated today from the throne of Great Britain—less than a year after he was proclaimed king at the death of his father—renouncing his rulership over the greatest empire in the world that he might pursue his love with Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, twice divorced American woman.

In presenting Edward's formal notice of abdication to the British parliament, Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin said, "No more grave message has ever been received by parliament."

The king's message said in part: "After long and anxious consideration I have determined to renounce the throne to which I succeeded on the death of my father, and I am now communicating my final and irrevocable decision.

"Realizing as I do the gravity of this step, I can only hope that I shall have the understanding of my people in the decision I have taken and the reasons which have led me to take it.

"I will not enter into my private

feelings, but I would beg that it should be remembered that the burden which rests constantly upon the shoulders of a sovereign is so heavy that it can only be borne in circumstances different from those in which I now find myself.

"I have executed that all necessary steps should be taken immediately to secure that my lawful successor, His Royal Highness the Duke of York should ascend the throne.

(Signed) "Edward, R. I." Meanwhile Mrs. Simpson, the former Baltimore girl of good family but limited means, was reported under heavy guard at a villa at Cannes on the French Riviera where she has been a guest for the past week. She was reported to have received many threats.

The king's abdication, it was stated in radio dispatches, will likely mean his perpetual exile.

Immediately after reading of the king's message of abdication parliamentary machinery was set in action to pave the way for ascendancy to the throne of the Duke of York.

## County's Official Family Has Only One New Member

County officers elected in the November election were sworn in Monday and the new board of commissioners held its first meeting.

The board remains the same as for the past two years with the exception of one new member, C. A. Bryson, of West's Mill, who takes the place of Frank Potts, of Highlands, who was not a candidate for reelection. E. B. Byrd, of Stiles, continues as chairman of the board and C. L. Blaine is the other member. All are Democrats.

Other officers sworn in Monday were C. Tom Bryson as register of deeds and county accountant, A. B. Slagle as sheriff and treasurer, C. M. Moore as coroner and J. H. Dalton as surveyor. All succeed themselves.

The oaths of office were taken before Harley R. Cabe, clerk of court.

Bonds were submitted by each of the office holders, as required by law, in the following amount:

Register of deeds, \$5,000; county accountant, \$5,000; sheriff, \$5,000; treasurer, \$20,000; coroner, \$2,000; surveyor, \$2,000.

## Funeral Services Held For Carey W. Vanhook

Funeral services for Carey W. Vanhook, 77, who died in Angel hospital last Thursday following an operation for cancer, were held at Clark's Chapel Methodist church at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

The Rev. J. J. Edwards, pastor, conducted the rites, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church.

Mr. Vanhook, a well known farmer of the Riverside section, became ill Monday and was taken to the hospital where an operation was performed that night.

Surviving Mr. Vanhook are his widow, formerly Miss Mattie Higdon; two daughters, Mrs. Jess Keener of Highlands and Miss Marie Vanhook of Franklin; five sons, Ralph Vanhook, Detroit, Mich., Carl Vanhook, Asheville, Cecil, Roy and John Vanhook, Route 2 Franklin; two sisters, the Misses Nora and Delia Vanhook and two brothers, Edgar Vanhook, Franklin Route 2 and Harv Vanhook, Dawson, Alaska.

## DEATH CLAIMS R. M. COFFEY, 65

### Former Franklin Police Chief Succumbs to Pneumonia

Funeral services for R. M. Coffey, 65, who died of pneumonia at noon Saturday, were held at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Sugarfork Baptist church.

Mr. Coffey, a former Franklin chief of police, who had also served as a deputy sheriff, had been ill for several weeks. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Solesbee, Baptist minister, assisted by the Rev. J. I. Vinson of Route 1 Dillard, Ga., and the Rev. W. B. Underwood, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church.

Mr. Coffey had been a member of the Sugarfork Baptist church for 20 years.

Besides serving as chief of police in Franklin he also had been chief of police at Highlands. In 1932 he was the Republican candidate for sheriff of Macon county.

Surviving Mr. Coffey are his widow, formerly Miss Ollie Holland, his mother, Mrs. Sarah Herron, five half-brothers and two half-sisters.

## George Bulgin Reported Critically Ill

George Bulgin, Franklin machinist and blacksmith, who has been seriously ill for several weeks at his home on Highway No. 28, was reported tonight in critical condition with little hope of recovery. Members of his family had been at his bedside throughout the day.

Mr. Bulgin suffered a stroke of paralysis several years ago, but recovered sufficiently to return to work in his shop. Several weeks ago he became ill—due to overwork, friends said—and since then has been confined to his bed.

In seventh century Babylonia, monks lived on grass and grains of the fields, grazing like sheep.

Erasures on paper can be chemically determined.

## PATTON LEAVES FOR RALEIGH

### Predicts Special Session Of Legislature Will Be Brief

R. A. Patton, Macon county's representative-elect, left Tuesday for Raleigh to take his seat in the legislature at the special session called Saturday by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus to consider social security legislation.

Before leaving Mr. Patton expressed the opinion the special session would be brief and the lawmakers would complete their appointed task in plenty of time to return home for Christmas. He said he thought it unlikely, in view of the proximity of the regular session, that other legislative measures would be considered. The regular session is to convene January 6 with the inauguration of Clyde R. Hoey as governor set for the following day.

House Leaders Chosen

Meeting in caucus Wednesday night, the eve of the opening of the special session, Democratic senate members voted to consider no bills except ones pertaining to social security. The house caucus took no such action, but leaders said it would follow the same policy.

Senator A. Hall Johnston, of Buncombe, was unanimously nominated at the senate caucus for president pro-tem of that branch of the legislature. At the house Democratic caucus R. Gregg Cherry, of Gaston, legislative veteran, was unanimously nominated speaker of the house.

Governor's Action a Surprise

Governor Ehringhaus' call for a special session came somewhat as a surprise to the state. For some months he had steadfastly declined to take such action in the face of insistent demands from various quarters. He held that no new legislation was necessary for North Carolina to qualify for unemployment benefits under the federal social security act. The Cherry act, made law two years ago, before the social security act was enacted, the Governor contended, complied with the federal requirements.

Social security officials in Washington, however, ruled that the Cherry act did not comply and it was estimated that unless something were done to correct this situation by January 1 the state would lose approximately \$2,500,000 a year in unemployment benefits. Payments on unemployment insurance, however, are not scheduled to begin until two years after the state complies with the federal social security act.

In a statement accompanying the governor's call for the special session it was explained that, although he still believed new social security legislation unnecessary, holding the Cherry act to be sufficient, he did not wish to place any additional burden upon the senators and congressmen or leave the question of state compliance open to the slightest possibility of question.

## Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)  
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.

Chickens, heavy breed, hens	9c
Chickens, light weight, lb.	7c
Eggs, doz.	33c
Corn, bu.	80c
Wheat, bu.	\$1.00
Potatoes, No. 1	90c
Field peas, bu.	\$1.25
Crowder peas, bu.	\$2.00
Onions, bu.	75c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery Butterfat, lb. 30c

## Shop Early



Only 11 More Shopping Days till CHRISTMAS