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MACON COURT MET MONDAY

Criminal Docket Shortest In Years; Only One Felony Case

The April term of Macon county superior court convened Monday morning with Judge F. Donald Phillips, of Rockingham, presiding. The following grand jury was drawn for the term: A. L. Ramsey, foreman; W. L. Moore, C. T. Bloine, Tom Justice, Floyd Straine, Carl Jacobs, Ed Norton, A. J. Smith, P. N. Moses, J. W. Watts, John Trotter, Robert Ramsey, T. W. Wood, C. E. Williamson, J. H. Morgan, Ras Duvall, J. C. Moody. Judge Phillips delivered a clear and comprehensive charge to the grand jury after which the court proceeded at once to the work of clearing the criminal docket. Several minor cases were disposed of in short order and the case of W. E. Stiles, of Murphy, charged with breaking and entering the establishment of the Dowdle Wholesale Co. several weeks ago, was taken up. Stiles was found guilty and sentenced to from two to three years on the roads, this sentence to begin upon the expiration of a three-year sentence which he received last week from the superior court of Cherokee county. The Stiles case ended the criminal docket for this term, one of the shortest the county has ever known, only nine superior court warrants having been issued since the November term. The court, including the grand jury, adjourned Tuesday afternoon until this morning when the civil docket, containing some 40 cases was taken up.

Closing Exercises Of Franklin High School Start Next Wednesday

Graduating exercises of the Franklin high school are scheduled to start at 8 o'clock Wednesday night of next week, which will be April 21. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, in the Methodist church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. On Thursday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, pupils in the elementary grades will present an operetta, "The Flowers of the Nations," in the high school auditorium. The graduation exercises will be held Friday evening, in the school auditorium, where a large number of boys and girls will receive their diplomas.

Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed, hens 13c
Chickens, light weight, lb. . . . 9c
Eggs, doz. 17c
Corn, bu. \$1.15
Wheat, bu. \$1.25
Potatoes, No. 1, bu. \$1.35
Field peas, bu. \$1.60
Crowder peas, bu. \$2.50
Yellow Mammoth Soy
Beans, bu. \$1.60
Lorida Beans, bu. \$2.25
Onions, bu. \$1.00
Walnuts, per 100 lbs. \$1.20
Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 30c

Banquet Juniors Honor Seniors Friday Night

The Kelly Tea Room was the scene of much merriment Friday evening when the members of the junior class of the Franklin high school entertained with a banquet honoring the 67 members of the graduating class.

The entire affair was carried out in nautical style, the programs being illustrated with ships and carrying the wish for Bon Voyage on the good ship Franklin. The Stowaway list included Jonah and the whale cocktail, Plymouth Rock salad, potatoes on a barge, double-deck sandwich islands, pineapple life-preservers, sea weed, sea cucumbers, olive buoys, hardtack, schooner-o'-ale, sea foam and sponges.

The ship's pilot was Miss Jean Hall, and the program included a toast to the visitors by Captain Billy Higdon, president of the junior class, and response by visiting Captain Clinton Brookshire, president of the senior class; to the ship's officers (school faculty) by Ensign Herschel Henson; response from Commander Lee. Also included was banter from the ship's crew, humorous poems about each senior from the juniors, and a talk, "Uncharted Seas," by Commander Houk, with a Bon Voyage from Admiral Billings. The program closed with chauties by the crew.

The long table was decorated with a light house placed in the center, with the North Star for the pilot to set the course of the ship. Pink candles in silver holders added to the decorations. The favors were small silver boats with pink sails carrying silver stars. The boats were filled with pink mints and placed in wavy sea green crepe paper. Covers were laid for 110.

Special guests invited were: M. D. Billings, superintendent of schools, and Mrs. Billings; Mr. and Mrs. D. Robert Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips and John Norton, members of the school board, and their wives.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Reelect Billings and Houk; Teachers To Be Named Soon

At a meeting of the board of education Friday night, M. D. Billings was re-elected superintendent for Macon county for another term of two years. This makes Mr. Billings' sixteenth term.

The board members consist of D. Robert Davis, chairman; Roy Phillips and John Norton.

Macon county is divided into three school districts for administrative purposes.

Franklin being No. 1, G. L. Houk was reelected principal for the Franklin district. This is Mr. Houk's twelfth year. Nantahala is district No. 2. Mrs. Paul Grist, of Dillard, Ga., principal. Highlands is district No. 3. O. F. Summer was reelected as principal of the Highlands high school.

N. H. Sessom, at present of Washington, D. C., was elected principal of the colored school. R. B. Watts, former teacher, was also reelected as one of the teachers.

Under the new school law, the teachers in the county will be nominated by the principals in the district. These nominations are subject to the approval of the county board of education and county superintendent.

The full teaching force of the 1937-38 term will be completed and announced within the next few weeks.

MAKE REPORT OF WPA UNITS

Officials Give Figures Showing What Has Been Done

The women workers on WPA projects in Macon county held a meeting Saturday afternoon in the American Legion hall, with 81 of the 89 workers on sewing room, lunch room, recreation, re-indexing and NYA projects present.

There was a short report from each sewing room by each forewoman and a brief review of each project by the respective supervisors. The sewing room report by Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones shows that a monthly payroll of about \$1,800 is made to the sewing room women and that about 1,700 garments are produced, turned over to the welfare department and distributed to needy families each month at a cost to the county of about two cents per garment. Since the sewing rooms have been in operation there have been 23,192 garments made, and that these women have been paid a total of about \$31,000. At present 63 women are employed, but the number has been as high as 120.

The lunch rooms employ 15 women whose pay totals about \$300 per month, and they have served something like 44,947 meals. There are nine schools in which lunch rooms are located.

The recreation project report shows 19 centers in which children are taught singing, games, simple crafts various contests developing their health and their sense of good sportsmanship.

A report on NYA activities was given by the supervisor, Mrs. J. A. Ordway, and Miss Florence Stalcup made a talk on foods applicable to lunch rooms and simple meals at home. Miss Pauline Bowers, home supervisor of resettlement, discussed gardening from the standpoint of health and economy. Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, home demonstration agent, talked on methods of canning. Mrs. Margaret Johnson, area supervisor, commended Macon county for the fine cooperation of WPA units.

Simple refreshments were served after the meeting.

Other WPA Work in County

An official of the North Carolina WPA administration who visited Franklin last Thursday gave to The Press some figures in regard to the work of the organization in Macon county which will be surprising to many readers.

The official, Mr. W. E. Breese, fifth district director, stated that from December 15, 1935, to January 15, 1937, the WPA expended in Macon county in government funds a total of \$137,583.70, and of that amount \$123,169.48 was spent for labor.

In that period there were built and completed 64 miles of farm-to-market roads, and at the close of the period 30 additional miles were under construction.

This program of road construction and repair was in addition to the many other activities which have been carried on by the various branches of the WPA organization in the county.

Report of State Director

Construction or repair of 2,863 miles of North Carolina farm-to-market roads by WPA workers since the WPA program began in the state, is revealed in a report made public Saturday by George W. Coan, Jr., Jr., state administrator. In addition to this work, which has affected every county in the state, usefulness of the highway system has been enhanced by the construction of more than two score bridges and several hundred culverts.

Relief laborers in North Carolina have been afforded 58,605,198 man hours of employment on work projects.

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Administrator



GEO. W. COAN, Jr.
In Charge of All WPA Activities
in North Carolina

HIGHLANDS TO HOLD ELECTION

Mayor, Five Commissioners To Be Selected Tuesday, May 4

The town of Highlands will hold an election for a mayor and five commissioners on Tuesday, May 4, and a red hot campaign seems to be in the making.

There are two candidates for mayor, J. C. Mell and W. S. Davis, and 11 candidates for the five places as commissioner, as follows: M. A. Pierson, L. W. Rice, D. W. Wiley, G. W. Wilson, S. A. Wilson, W. A. Hays, G. D. Edwards, H. S. Talley, W. H. Cobb, J. E. Rideout and G. W. Maret.

At the last election, held in 1935, there was only one ticket in the field, as was the case in Franklin, but this year things are different—decidedly different—and there seems to be plenty of fun in store for both candidates and voters.

Pre-School Clinic To Be Held

A clinic for the purpose of examining children who will enter school for the first time next fall will be held at the Macon county health office in the Higdon building, Franklin, on Thursday, April 22, 1937, between 9:30 and 11:30 a. m., according to Dr. Harry Miller, assistant district health officer.

Parents, if possible, should accompany their children; they are also invited to bring younger children over six months of age for diphtheria vaccination.

This clinic is being held in the office of the health department, because the principal of the Franklin school informed us that no room was available in the school.

The health department was delighted with the attendance at the pre-school clinic held at Highlands on April 12.

These clinics are held for the purpose of examining the pre-school child in order to discover any correctable physical defects which might interfere with the child's progress in school.

Fishing Season

For Trout Opens Today; License Necessary

The trout fishing season in North Carolina opens today (Thursday) and fish are said to be plentiful in most of the streams.

A rush for licenses is looked for and they may be obtained at any of the following places:

Franklin, Macon County Supply Co. and Leach Bros.; Highlands, Highlands Hardware Co.; Sealy, J. D. Burnett; Rainbow Springs, Mrs. Frank Phillips; Nantahala No. 1, Luther Jacobs; Nantahala No. 2, Clint May.

TO ORGANIZE TRADE BODY

Meetings Held This Week By Various Groups; Directors Elected

Organization of an active chamber of commerce, which has been under discussion in the business circles of Franklin for some time, now seems to be a certainty.

Meetings have been held this week by various groups of business and professional people of the town and directors have been chosen to represent them in forming and carrying on the organization.

The plan adopted was to divide the several interests of the town into four groups—hotels, utilities, petroleum products dealers and merchants—and to have one director each for the first three groups and three directors for the merchants, the seven directors to elect one of their number as president, and the directorate to have full authority to organize and carry on the work of the commerce body.

The following have been chosen by the various groups:

Hotels, Miss Lassie Kelly, of Kelly's Tea Room.

Utilities, John Archer of the Nantahala Power & Light Co. Professional, not yet selected.

Petroleum Products Dealers, John Cunningham, of Cunningham's Service Station.

Merchants, T. W. Angel, Jr., of Angel's Drug Store; A. R. Higdon, of the Franklin Hardware Co., and J. E. Perry, of Perry's Drug Store.

At a meeting held in the directors' room of the Bank of Franklin Tuesday morning, Major Carmack, manager of the Franklin Lodge and Golf club, told the assembled business men that he had talked to thousands of people in Florida during the past winter who stated that they intended coming to North Carolina this summer, and he stressed the need of an organization which could interest some of these people in coming to Franklin.

A meeting of directors of the chamber of commerce will be held one night this week and it is thought that organization can be perfected so that full advantage can be taken of the opportunities promised for the coming season.

Trout Pools Completed At Arrowood Glade

The construction of 12 trout rearing pools at Arrowood Glade recreational area, on the Nantahala national forest has been completed. The capacity of these pools is approximately 200,000 fish. The object of the rearing pools is to hold fingerling trout until they are large enough to take care of themselves in streams. Ordinarily, the fish are placed in the streams when they are about six inches long. Fish of this size have a better chance to survive than do fish put in streams directly from the hatching trays.

On April 13, the forest service received the first consignment of trout from the U. S. bureau of fisheries. The consignment consisted of 25,000 rainbow trout and 35,000 brook trout. Additional fish are expected and plans are being made to care for over 100,000 fish this season for planting in streams next fall.

Northern Division Singers To Meet Sunday

The Press is requested to announce that the northern division of the Macon county singing convention will meet with the Oak Grove Baptist church next Sunday, April 18, at 1:30 p. m.

All singers and those interested in singing are invited to attend. Some quarters from out of the county are expected.