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## JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF SLAIN

### Demented Man Resists Arrest And Kills Popular Officer

Just as we go to press it is learned that Sheriff C. C. Mason, of Jackson county, was shot and killed at 9:30 this (Thursday) morning by a demented man named Donald Ashe, who later committed suicide.

It is reported that Ashe, who had been in the asylum at one time, had shown signs of becoming violent, and that his brother went to Sheriff Mason and asked that Donald be confined. The Sheriff, it is said, offered to accompany the brother to the house where he was staying, and was warned that Donald had a shotgun and revolver. The Sheriff did not enter the house, but was seen by Donald Ashe, who opened a window and fired a charge into the Sheriff's face, killing him instantly. Ashe afterward shot himself with his revolver.

Sheriff Mason was one of the most popular officers in Western North Carolina, and was highly esteemed by the people in his home county, who on June 4 had renominated him for another term.

## Mrs. Bryant Attends Association Convention

Mrs. O. C. Bryant, secretary-treasurer of the Bryant Burial Association, Inc., of Franklin, attended the convention of the North Carolina State Burial association held in Asheville June 9, 10 and 11.

The state association is composed of most of the burial associations operating in North Carolina, and the convention was largely attended.

The convention heard addresses by several of the most prominent men of the state, and there were several highly enjoyable social affairs interspersed with the business proceedings.

## Revival To Begin At Iotla Sunday

Beginning Sunday June 19, a series of revival services will be held at the Iotla Baptist church, announced the pastor, Rev. R. F. Mayberry.

The preaching will be by the Rev. J. C. Pipes, of Weaverville. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

## Teer Awarded Contract On Highlands Road

Chief W. Vance Baise, of the highway and public works commission, states that Nello L. Teer, of Durham, had been awarded the contract for construction of the road from Highlands to the Georgia state line. Bids were opened on the project last month.

It is expected that operations will begin soon.

## Thos. C. Mimms Succeeds Faison

Thomas C. Mimms arrived Thursday morning to take up the work of county supervisor, farm security administration, succeeding John R. Faison.

Mr. Mimms comes here from Columbia, S. C., where he was connected with the Federal Land Bank of Columbia. He is a graduate of North Carolina State college and comes very highly recommended.

## Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)

Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.  
Chickens, heavy breed, hens 14c  
Chickens, light weight, lb... 10c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery  
Butterfat, lb. .... 22c

## Trail Club Hikers from Georgia Here For Week-End

Twenty-three members of the Appalachian Trail club of Georgia spent the week-end in Franklin, hiking over a five-mile section of the trail which runs through Nantahala national forest from Wayah Bald to Burningtown Gap. With Trimont Inn as headquarters, the club arrived Saturday afternoon, spending all day Sunday on their hike, returning to Franklin late in the afternoon.

A feature of their entertainment was the showing of several reels of colored moving pictures of previous hikes by Dr. H. R. Halsey, educational advisor of the CCC camps of the 4th Corps area.

Officers attending were: C. Reiny Hoben, vice-president; W. W. Whitaker, in charge of the outing; Miss Maude H. Sewell, secretary; Miss Clyde Passmore, chairman. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Allan D. Whittaker, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hoben, Miss Hoben, Miss Sue Canter, Miss Jean Matthews, W. K. MacAdam, Lovejoy Harwell, Miss Harriet C. Brigham, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Halsey, Dr. Arnold Ingermann, of Atlanta; Carter W. Whittaker, of Brevard; Miss Elizabeth Motsinger, Miss Mary McDonald, David Ansley, Mrs. Ernest Runyon, Decatur, Ga.; Mrs. Edith Pearson, Oslo, Norway; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Traylor, Avondale, Ga.

Visiting the Nantahala section for the first time, the hikers were impressed by the beauty of the mountains, which are in full bloom with flaming azalea, laurel and rhododendron. Not least among the impressions upon the visitors was the musical quality of the Cherokee Indian names, such as Wayah, Nantahala, Cowee, Cullasaja, and Cartoogchaye.

## ANNUAL GIBSON REUNION HELD

### Descendants Of Samuel Gibson Hold Meeting At Leatherman

The Gibson reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Nancy Cardon at Leatherman Sunday, with approximately 300 relatives and invited guests present.

This gathering is held annually in memory of the Rev. Samuel Gibson, a pioneer Baptist minister of Macon county.

The Sunday school lesson, which was explained to the group by A. L. Smiley, of Bryson City, was one of the features of the morning exercises.

After the bountiful picnic dinner served on the ground at the noon hour, the crowd assembled for the string and vocal music rendered by the Cardon quartet from Sylva, the quartets by the Smiley children, of Bryson City, and the Dalton quartet of West's Mill.

Each year a prize is given to the person who guesses to the closest number of living descendants of the late Samuel Gibson, which now totals 1,254. Miss Edith Smiley, of Bryson City, won the prize, a beautiful candy jar. Her guess was 1,255.

John E. Rickman, of Franklin, was the winner of the lucky number drawn and was presented a box of candy.

Mrs. Cardon, with whom the reunion was held, is the youngest daughter of the late John Stewart Gibson and a granddaughter of the Rev. Samuel Gibson. She and three other sisters, Mrs. Betsy Jane Grant, of Franklin, who celebrated her 98th birthday anniversary on June 9; Mrs. Margaret Carter, of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. Fannie Dillard, of Demorest, Ga., are the only living members of this family of 15 children.

The reunion will be held next year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Gibson at Bryson City.

## JUNE 18 WORK SHEET LIMIT

### Farmers' Reports Must be Submitted to Agent By That Date

By S. W. MENDENHALL  
County Agent

All farm work sheets showing information as a basis for participation in the conservation phase of the 1938 Triple-A farm program in the east central region should be completed and submitted to the local county office not later than June 18, W. G. Finn, director of the east central division, announced.

Farmers who expect to take part in this phase of the 1938 program, who have not submitted information for their farms, should submit work sheets by this date in order that the records of the county office may be completed and the checking of performance started as soon as possible after June 18.

Mr. Finn pointed out that the filing of a work sheet in no way obligates the owner or operator of the farm. It merely supplies information about the farm which serves as a basis for participation in the conservation program. However, the filing of a work sheet for each separate tract of land owned or operated by a producer is a necessary prerequisite to the filing of an application for payment.

Mr. Finn also explained that all requests for changes in the land to be regarded as a farm in accordance with the definition of a farm under the 1938 program must be filed by June 18. "Only those tracts of land operated as a unit may be included under a single application for payment," he said, "and in order for a tract of land to be considered as a unit, information must be filed by the above date showing that it is being operated as a unit."

In reviewing performance under previous agricultural conservation programs in the east central region, Mr. Finn said: "In 1936, 383,000 applications for payment were received, representing approximately 628,000 farmers. In 1937, more than 400,000 applications were filed. Approximately three-fourths of the 1937 payments have been made to date, and it is expected that the remaining payments will be made at an early date."

It is important that all practices that have been completed or intend to be completed be reported at the county agent's office if payment is expected for these practices.

The office of the county agent is now in the new agricultural building. There will be some one in this office at all times during working hours to help you receive the most benefits possible from the 1938 soil conservation program.

## Joint S. S. Convention At Cowee June 26

The Macon County Baptist Sunday School Associational convention will meet in its regular monthly meeting on Sunday afternoon, June 26, with the Cowee church.

This will be a joint convention with the Sunday schools from Swain county. Swain county has been organized for several years and have been having large crowds at their convention. We are expecting a large crowd from Swain county to be at the meeting at Cowee, and of course we want the people of Macon county to be there in large numbers.

We are expecting every Baptist church in Macon county to send a large delegation to Cowee for this meeting. Let's work up several truck loads to go to join with the truck loads coming from Swain county.

John E. Rickman, Supt.

Miss Lucy Griffith, of Athens, Ga., who spends every summer in Franklin, is a guest at Franklin Terrace.

## Pageant

### To be Presented by U.D.C. June 20

The Macon county chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy will stage a pageant on Monday, June 20, at 8 o'clock p. m., in the courthouse.

The pageant is given as a memorial to Jefferson Davis and will be about the Jefferson Davis highway. The characters in the pageant will represent the 14 states, which the highway runs through.

This great transcontinental highway traverses 154 miles through one of the most beautiful and interesting sections of North Carolina, touching places of historic, scenic, industrial and educational interests. Beginning at the boundary of North Carolina are massive markers commemorating the service of Jefferson Davis to the South and to the nation, and this state was the first to place permanent markers of granite every ten miles along its route, with bronze tablets stating that it is the Jefferson Davis highway.

Following is the program:

The Jefferson Davis Highway,  
Mrs. W. A. Hyatt

Piano Solo—"Dixie",

Mrs. Harry Higgins

Vocal Solo—"Star Spangled Banner",

Mrs. Frank Bloxham

Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Sam L. Rogers

Quartet—"Carry Me Back To Old Virginia",

Virginia—Mrs. R. L. McLean

Vocal Duet—"Old North State",

Dorothy and Dick Sloan

North Carolina

Mrs. Carl and Mrs. George Slagle

Vocal Duet—"Bonnie Blue Flag",

Miss Virginia Slagle

Mrs. Frank Bloxham

South Carolina—Miss Nora Moody

Piano Duet—"O Susanna",

Mrs. Harry Higgins and Myra Slagle

Georgia—Miss Slagle

Vocal Solo—"Maryland My Maryland", Dorothy Sloan

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## FRED V. STILES PASSES MONDAY

### Macon County Man Dies At Home Of Brother In California

Fred Verrel Stiles, 29, died at the home of his brother, J. B. Stiles, in Redding, Calif., Monday morning at 7:45 o'clock.

Mr. Stiles, who had been sick for the past three months, had gone to California two weeks ago to take treatment.

The body will arrive in Franklin late Saturday afternoon, and funeral services will be held at the Coweta Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Stiles was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Judson Stiles. He had been a member of the Coweta Baptist church since early manhood. For the past two years he had been employed at Enka.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Hallie Dills, and a six-year-old daughter, Freda; five sisters, Mrs. J. E. Lawson and Mrs. Witham Penland, of Arlington, Wash.; Mrs. J. J. Gray, of Franklin; Mrs. Wade Cunningham, of Franklin, and Mrs. John Rogers, of Franklin; six brothers, J. B. Stiles, of Redding, Calif.; Henry Stiles, of Sedro-Wooley, Wash.; Tom and Claud Stiles, of Rabun Gap, Ga.; O. J. Stiles, of Redding, Calif., and George Stiles, of Franklin.

## P.-T. A. To Give Bunco Party June 30

The Franklin P.-T. A. will give a bunco party at the American Legion hall on Thursday evening, June 30, starting at 7:45. The regular admission of 25 cents will be charged.

## CROSS INDEXING VITAL RECORDS

### Statistics Of Marriages And Births Being Compiled

After several months of negotiation, the sum of \$2,500 has been secured from federal funds for the purpose of cross indexing the marriage and birth records of Macon county, and a crew was started on the work this week.

Horace Hurst has been given charge of this project and will be assisted by Misses Eloise Sherrill and Virginia Wilson, Mrs. Iona DeHart and Mrs. Shirley Belk. It is estimated that it will take about one year to complete the records.

The law requiring the keeping of birth records in North Carolina did not go into effect until 1913, but marriage certificates have been filed since 1829 in Macon county, and these will all be entered in the new books which have been purchased, and will be indexed so that it will be easy to find the record of any marriage since the county was organized.

C. Tom Bryson, register of deeds, has been working for some time to get this project started, and has made several trips to WPA headquarters in Asheville in connection with the matter.

### Birth Records Not Complete

Mr. Bryson states that the birth records are lacking in many details, and he asks that all citizens who have had births in their families in Macon county since 1913 call at the courthouse while this work is in progress and assist in getting the names, dates, etc., entered correctly.

There are many births recorded where no names were given, and others show wrong dates and other errors, and it is necessary that all these details be straightened out. This information can only be secured through the cooperation of the people interested, and they are asked to give their help in order that the county's vital statistics records may be simplified and brought up to date.

## Mrs. Ferguson Dies In West Marion

Mrs. Mary Gray Ferguson, 61, died at her home in West Marion Sunday, June 5, after a long illness. The funeral service was conducted Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church of Marion, of which she had long been a faithful member.

She is survived by her husband and four grown children, Gray, Jim, Ethel and Elizabeth. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. C. H. McClure, Javan and Jim Gray, all of Franklin; Mrs. James B. Medford, of Waynesville, Mrs. R. L. Crook, of Biltmore, Mr. J. E. Gray, of Lyman, Wash.

The following attended the funeral from Macon county: Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. Javan Gray, Jim Gray and Mrs. R. L. Crook.

## Dr. Abernethy To Lead Revival At Asbury

Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, will begin a revival meeting Sunday night, June 19, at Asbury Methodist church.

Dr. Abernethy began his ministry on the charge of which Asbury was one of his churches. His pastorate there was marked by outstanding success. Many of the older members now living were taken into the church during his work there.

The pastor, Rev. J. C. Swaim, extends a cordial welcome to every one. The services will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. W. LaMonte, of Daytona Beach, Fla., are spending some time at Trimont Inn.