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WPA PAY RAISE AFFECTS MACON

Unskilled Workers Will Get \$5.00 More Per Month

Works Progress Administrator Harry L. Hopkins has announced wage increases affecting 500,000 unskilled WPA workers in 13 southern states.

Hopkins said the action was taken at the direction of President Roosevelt and is pursuant "to a general administration policy of bringing the income levels of the lowest paid workers of the south more nearly in line with the income levels of such workers in other parts of the country."

Hopkins said the hike would increase the southern relief worker's pay by about \$5 a month.

States affected are North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

All Wages Raised In 4 States

The major increase affects unskilled workers but, in four states—Virginia, Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Kentucky—adjustments were made in the monthly security wages of all WPA workers.

"This wage scale means that no one who works in the WPA will receive less than \$1 a day in any region," Hopkins said.

"We have felt for some time that our security wages in certain areas of the country were based on a standard of living below the levels of health and decency and did not bear sufficient realistic relationship to the actual cost of living. The new minimum wage rates created for these half-million workers receiving the lowest monthly security wages, while still inadequate in my judgment, give these people something nearer to an income which will assure a minimum standard of living.

"We have also believed that with the apparent beginnings of an upturn in business, this is a particularly advantageous time to accelerate that upturn by creating additional purchasing power in the lower brackets."

New Wage Schedules

New monthly wage rate schedules follow:

In North Carolina and Virginia: Cities over 100,000, professional and technical rate raised from \$75 to \$79, skilled rate from \$68 to \$72, intermediate rate from \$52 to \$57, and unskilled rate from \$35 to \$40.

Cities from 50,000 to 100,000, professional rate from \$68 to \$73, skilled rate from \$62 to \$66, intermediate rate from \$48 to \$53, and unskilled rate from \$33 to \$38.

Cities from 25,000 to 50,000, professional rate from \$62 to \$66, skilled rate from \$56 to \$60, intermediate rate from \$43 to \$47, and unskilled rate from \$29 to \$36.

Cities from 5,000 to 25,000, professional rate from \$53 to \$57, skilled rate from \$48 to \$52, intermediate rate from \$36 to \$40, and unskilled rate from \$24 to \$30.

Cities under 5,000, professional rate from \$42 to \$48, skilled rate from \$38 to \$44, intermediate rate from \$30 to \$33, and unskilled rate from \$21 to \$26.

Macon county, of course, comes under the last classification, "cities under 5,000," and the greater part of the WPA labor is unskilled, but it means an immediate increase of \$5.00 per month, and will help, not only the workers, but all the business interests of the county.

Rummage Sale To Be Held Saturday

The ladies of the Episcopal church will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, July 2, beginning at 10 o'clock, at Mrs. Green's sewing room, across from Roy Cunningham's store.

Nice summer clothes and other articles in good condition will be on sale.

Macon County's New Agricultural Building



Local Team Wins From Cornelia In Hot Game Sunday

Franklin's crack baseball team defeated Cornelia 11 to 8 in a hotly contested game on the home grounds Sunday afternoon.

The local boys were held scoreless for five innings before they solved the slants of left-handed Carey but once the hitting started the bingles came plenty fast.

The score stood 11 to 4 in favor of Franklin at the end of the seventh, but Cornelia rallied in the eighth to score 4 more.

Hawthorne, Pattillo, Archer and Dalrymple starred for Franklin, while Carey, Hudson and Grant led the Cornelia team.

Batteries—Franklin, Hawthorne and Archer. Cornelia, Carey, Chapman and Edwards.

The score:

	R	H	E
Franklin	11	14	4
Cornelia	8	15	4

Grocery Stores To Close July 4th

Most grocery stores in Franklin have signed an agreement to close all day on July 4. Following is the agreement as submitted to the grocers:

"We, the undersigned merchants of Franklin, agree to close all day Monday, July 4: Sloan's Grocery, H. T. Sloan; C. T. Blaine; People's Market, C. L. Pendergrass; Roy Cunningham; A & P Food Stores, C. Russell; Dixie Store, Verlon Swafford; City Market, E. W. Long; Sugarfork Moore, J. M. Moore; J. R. Pendergrass; Pay-and-Take-It, W. L. Ledford.

Goes To Reunion At Gettysburg

J. M. Daves, 92, of Franklin Route 2, one of the four remaining Confederate veterans of Macon county, left Wednesday for Gettysburg to attend the veterans reunion held there the first of July. He was accompanied by his son, Joe Daves.

The other veterans in Macon county are: S. W. Picklesimer, of Otto, and William E. Roper, of Briartown. J. W. Caldwell, who makes his home on Franklin Route 3, was transferred to this county from Haywood, and James Deal, colored.

NEW BUILDING IS COMPLETED

County And Demonstration Agents Installed In New Quarters

Macon county's agricultural building has been completed, with the exception of the heating plant and the seating of the auditorium, and all of the offices are occupied.

The building is a one-story and basement structure, 58x70 feet over all, and is built of brick.

The county agent's department contains offices for County Agent Mendenhall and Assistant Agent Sam Williams, two secretarial offices and a fireproof vault.

Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, county demonstration agent, has two rooms, an office and demonstration room. The demonstration room is equipped with a modern electric range, with sink and draining boards and cabinets built in underneath.

There is another room which it is understood may be used for the farmers' market, and eight substantial display tables have been built and are stored there.

The building contains an auditorium 30x39 feet, with three exits, and is so constructed that the slightest sound can be heard from one end of the room to the other.

The basement contains a storage room and a room for the heating plant, which will be installed before cold weather.

The building was erected at a cost of \$8,000, half of which was paid by the federal government. WPA labor was used, with Zeb Conley in charge of the entire job. The construction has been inspected by several experts who have stated that it is one of the best in the state.

The grounds are being landscaped and will be covered with grass and shrubbery, and it is planned to gravel a parking space in front and to grade and gravel the cross street from Church to Main, making the building easy of access.

Fiddlers' Convention At Sylva July 4

The Sylva football team is sponsoring a fiddlers' convention to be held on the evening of July 4, and several Macon county fiddlers are expecting to attend.

A. B. Bradley Passes Monday At Home At Otto

Funeral services for A. Brack Bradley, 77, were held at the Asbury Methodist church, at Otto Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. J. C. Swaim, pastor of the Macon circuit, was in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Bradley, who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis about six months ago and from which he never fully regained his health, was taken critically ill Sunday. Death came about 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at his home at Otto.

Mr. Bradley, a farmer, was a member of the Asbury Methodist church, having joined more than 40 years ago.

Pallbearers were eight sons, Youell, Claude, Clennie, Herby, Troy, Joe, Grady, and Ervin, all of Otto.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Elizabeth Cabe, and 12 children; five daughters, Mrs. Zelia Grist, of Dillard, Ga. Route 1; Mrs. Angie Dills, Misses Elzie Connie and Lochie Bradley, all of Otto; eight sons, Youell, Claude, Troy, Joe, Clennie, Herby, Grady and Erwin Bradley, all of Otto, and one sister, Mrs. W. A. Norton, of Dillard, Ga. Route 1.

Fireworks On The Night Of The 4th

The Franklin fire department, in cooperation with the business men of the town, will provide a fireworks display which will be put on immediately after the donkey baseball game Monday night. Sufficient funds have been raised to make the display worth seeing, and visitors to the town on that day are invited to stay over after the game and enjoy the fireworks.

Vacant House Burned Wednesday Morning

A vacant house in East Franklin, belonging to A. W. Reid, and known as the Lyle Jones place, was destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning.

When the blaze was discovered the whole structure was in flames, and though the fire department responded promptly, there was no chance to save the building.

The house had been vacant for some time, and there is no clue as to the cause of the fire.

2 ARE HELD ON POISON CHARGE

Strychnine Said To Have Been Given Victim In Whiskey

Nathan Brendle and Mrs. Lawrence Mason are being held in the Macon county jail on technical charges of murder, following a coroner's inquest into the death of Lawrence R. (Jabo) Mason, 34, who died at the home of Mrs. Viney Haskett near here early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Haskett testified at the inquest that Brendle came to her home about 10:30 o'clock Saturday night, accompanied by Walter Pressley, and gave Mason a drink of whiskey.

She said soon afterwards Mason became violently ill and died seven hours later.

Five Franklin physicians who analyzed the contents of Mason's stomach and also a bottle of liquor from which he is alleged to have taken the drink, reported both contained a deadly poison.

Mrs. Haskett said Mason had been staying at her home, and remarked soon after he had taken the drink that the liquor tasted bitter, adding "I believe they got me this time."

She testified Pressley and Brendle had been there a short time before and inquired if Mason had a drink. When he replied negatively, she added, they said they would go and get some liquor and come back.

Pressley, who was held as a material witness in the case, told of Brendle and Mrs. Mason coming to his home in the Watauga section for supper.

He said he went with Brendle afterwards to the home of Arthur Sanders and obtained a bottle of liquor from under a pile of corn shucks.

Pressley said he took a drink from the bottle, and then accompanied Brendle to the Haskett home, and back to his own house where Mrs. Mason had waited for Brendle. The two left together, he said.

Questioned as to whether the bottle he drank out of was the same one Brendle handed to Mason, Pressley said it was dark and he was unable to tell.

Admits Purchasing Tablets

Sheriff A. B. Slagle said Brendle admitted purchasing some tablets, similar to the poison found in Mason's stomach, at a local drug store several weeks ago, but maintained they were still at his home. Sheriff Slagle said a search of the house failed to disclose the tablets.

C. M. Moore, coroner, ordered the contents of Mason's stomach and the liquor bottle sent to Raleigh for further analysis. The preliminary analysis was made by Dr. Furman Angel, Dr. Edgar Angel, Dr. A. B. Kizinski, Dr. W. A. Rogers, county physician, and Dr. N. G. Williams.

Witnesses at the inquest said Mason and his wife had been estranged for approximately three years, and that Mrs. Mason previously had sued him for divorces.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury

Following is the verdict of the coroner's jury after hearing the testimony of the various witnesses at the inquest Sunday afternoon:

"That the deceased, Lawrence Mason, came to his death as a result of poison, to wit, strychnine, being placed in whiskey and given to him. We find that the whiskey was given to the deceased by one Nathan Brendle, and that Walter Pressley was present at the time the whiskey was given to the deceased.

"We recommend that Nathan Pressley be held as a material witness.

"We further recommend that the sheriff's department make a thorough search of the premises of the deceased."
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