

The Franklin Press

and

The Highlands Maconian

Published every Thursday by The Franklin Press
At Franklin, North Carolina
Telephone No. 24

VOL. LII

Number 30

Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson and B. W. Johnson.....Publishers
P. F. Callahan.....Managing Editor
Mrs. C. P. Cabe.....Business Manager

Entered at the Post Office, Franklin, N. C., as second class matter

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

One Year	\$1.50
Six Months	75
Eight Months	\$1.00
Single Copy05

Obituary notices, cards of thanks, tributes of respect, by individuals, lodges, churches, organizations or societies, will be regarded as advertising and inserted at regular classified advertising rates. Such notices will be marked "adv." in compliance with the postal regulations.

County Can Secure Government Funds

THERE are several vital projects which must soon be handled by Macon county and they are going to cost money.

The school buildings in Franklin and Highlands, as well as several grammar school structures in various parts of the county, must be put into better condition and more rooms added or they will become a total loss so far as usefulness is concerned.

At the present time the lack of sufficient class rooms to take care of the ever increasing number of students in the Franklin schools is a serious handicap.

In addition to the schools, the courthouse is getting into worse shape all the time, and it will soon be necessary to erect a new building or practically rebuild the old one.

As we said above, these things cost money, and if action is postponed for another year or two years the whole burden of rebuilding will fall entirely upon the taxpayers of the county.

But at the present time an opportunity is offered which will probably never be available again. The Public Works Administration will make an outright grant to the county of 45 per cent of the money necessary for the needed improvements, and a federal loan at 4 per cent over a long term of years can be negotiated for the remaining 55 per cent.

The county cannot issue more bonds, but the government allows states, counties and municipalities to borrow up to two-thirds of the amount of indebtedness which has been retired. Macon county, under the recently concluded refinancing agreement, retired indebtedness to the face value of approximately \$150,000, and can therefore borrow government funds in sufficient amount to cover any obligations which might be necessary for the building program.

Contracts could be let after competitive bidding and the arrangement would not require that the work be done by WPA labor.

Government spending cannot go on much longer, and it would seem that now is a good time to do the things which must soon be done anyway, while federal funds are available to cover almost half the cost.

County Safeguarded—Why Not the Town?

IN another column of this issue appears a statement relating to the work which has been done in Macon county by the health department in regard to the indictment and conviction of several parties for the violation of state health laws, and also commending the majority of the people for cooperation in carrying out the provisions of the law and erecting some 900 approved outdoor toilets during recent weeks.

This report of the work of the health department is encouraging, and those responsible for the enforcement of the health laws are to be congratulated upon the splendid showing made.

But, if the districts surrounding Franklin can be placed in such perfect sanitary condition, why is it that the town should tolerate things which were supposed to have passed out with the Dark Ages?

We believe Franklin to be ideally situated; we believe it has the finest year-round climate, and some of the finest people in the world, but the fact remains that outdoor, unsanitary toilets and hog pens that smell to high heaven are permitted within a few hundred yards of the center of town.

If the state laws do not run in Franklin, and if the town authorities will not act, it may take an epidemic costing many lives to remedy conditions.

We know that it is costing us dollars now in tourist trade. We should be ashamed to have strangers come to enjoy the scenery and climate and have them see these nuisances that disgrace us.

We know, too, that efforts have been made by public spirited and unselfish citizens, individually and representing organizations, to have existing conditions corrected, but they continue to nauseate both residents and visitors. Why?

In asking this question we are voicing the protest of every good citizen of Franklin.

MACON PICNIC ATTRACTS 200

Crowd Enthusiastic In Spite Of Downpour Of Rain

Despite a downpour of rain which made many roads difficult to travel, a crowd of 200 people gathered Saturday in the Franklin school auditorium for the third annual Macon county farmers picnic sponsored by the Farmers Federation.

It had been planned to hold the picnic outdoors and a much larger crowd was anticipated, but rain which had been descending since Monday continued all day Saturday. This, of course, prevented many from attending, but it did not dampen the spirit of those present.

The morning was devoted to music and brief addresses. Principal speakers were James G. K. McClure, Federation president; Paul A. Raper, director of the co-op's poultry department; S. C. Clapp, assistant superintendent in charge of the Mountain Experiment Station at Swannanoa; F. S. Sloan, district farm agent, and S. W. Mendenhall, county agent.

Outlines Objectives

Mr. McClure told of the development of the Federation from a single warehouse in 1920 to 17 at the present time. He outlined the organization's objectives as threefold:

"First, to create better markets for farm products and get better prices for the things the farmer produces.

"Second, to give the farmer the benefit of wholesale buying through cooperative purchasing.

"Third, to create new wealth for farmers of this section through the development of small industries."

"The trouble with the farmer," Mr. McClure said, "is that he hasn't any capital. If the farmer is to build up his strength he must, little by little, accumulate capital and gradually get control of his markets."

The way to do this, he pointed out, is through cooperative effort.

Mr. Raper spoke of the federation's poultry program, emphasizing the necessity for farmers to develop well bred flocks and to produce quality eggs.

Mr. Clapp told of the results of experiments at the Mountain Experiment Station with numerous varieties of orchard trees, grapes and field seed. Holcombe's Prolific, he said, ranks as the best corn producer. As to hybrid varieties, he said experiments were begun only this year and the station was not prepared to venture an opinion as to their suitability to mountain soils.

String Band Entertains

Music was supplied by the Federation's string band and by Sherrill's jug band, of Bryson City, which attracted much interest. Another feature which won applause was a vocal imitation of a fox chase given by James McClure and his sister, Elizabeth.

The afternoon was largely devoted to contests, singing and an address by the Rev. Dumont Clarke, outlining the work of the Lord's Acre movement, especially in this county.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Anvil quartet, composed of Lex and Joe Angel, O. W. Graham and Gordon Gibson; Mrs. V. R. Neal, in husband calling contest; J. F. Browning, for bringing the largest truckload of people to the picnic; G. S. Robinson, winner of tall story contest; J. W. Murray, baldest man present; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott, for having the largest family present; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Corbin, longest married (36 years) couple present; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Justice, shortest married (two weeks) couple present; Mildred Elliott, Raymond Womack and Mattie Bryson, winners in the game, "Going to Jerusalem."

Many Entries Expected For Flower Show

The Franklin Flower Show which will be held in the new Agriculture building next Saturday is expected to be one of the best shows held in Franklin in several years. Flower growers who have heretofore taken no interest in flowers. These entries are expected to be in the building not later than 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Town Clock Fixer Acknowledges Donations

C. M. Mewborn, who recently repaired the town clock without charge, acknowledges contributions from the following interested citizens:

Bank of Franklin, Sanders' Store, C. Tom Bryson, Troy Horn, Bryant Furniture Co., John Cunningham, Jos. Ashear, A & P Store, Crisp's Studio, Burrell Motor Co., Patton Bros., C. T. Moody, Mrs. Carl Tysinger, Mrs. W. L. Higdon, M. Blumenthal, Economy Cleaners, W. G. Mallonee, T. W. Porter.

Church Services

St. Agnes Episcopal Church
The Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector
11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.

Baptist Church
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
7 p. m.—B. T. U.

Franklin Methodist Church
The Rev. J. E. Abernethy, Pastor
(Each Sunday)
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship services.

Presbyterian Church
Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor
Franklin—(Each Sunday)
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship services.
Morrison—(Each Sunday)
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
(Each 2nd and 4th Sunday)
3:30 p. m.—Worship services.

Macon Circuit
Rev. J. C. Swaim, Pastor
1st Sunday—Union 11 o'clock a. m.; a. m.; Mulberry, 2 o'clock p. m.; Hickory Knoll, 2 o'clock p. m.; Asbury, 3 o'clock p. m.
2nd Sunday—Mt. Zion, 11 o'clock; Maiden's Chapel, 3 o'clock p. m.
3rd Sunday—Asbury, 11 o'clock; Dryman's Chapel, 3 o'clock p. m., Union, 7:30 o'clock p. m.
4th Sunday—Patton's 11 o'clock a. m.; Maiden's Chapel, 2 o'clock p. m.; Mt. Zion, 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Macon Theatre

Matinees 3:30 P. M.
NIGHT SHOW—7:30
SHOWING FROM 1:30 TO
11 P. M. SATURDAYS

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

FRIDAY, JULY 29
"UNDER SUSPICION"
WITH
JACK HOLT AND
KATHERINE DeMILLE

SATURDAY, JULY 30
"BORDER G-MEN"
WITH
GEORGE O'BRIEN,
RAY WHITLEY

MONDAY, AUGUST 1
MARGARET SULLAVAN,
JAMES STEWART,
WALTER PIDGEON,
ALLAN CURTIS
IN
"SHOPWORN ANGEL"

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2
"I'LL GIVE A
MILLION"
WITH
WARNER BAXTER, MARJORIE
WEAVER, JEAN HERSHOLT,
PETER LORRE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3
"ALGIERS"
WITH
CHARLES BOYER, SIGRID
GURIE, HEDY LAMARR,
JOSEPH CALLEJA, ALAN
HALE, GENE LOCKHART

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4
GALE PAGE
HUMPHREY BOGART
and "DEAD END" KIDS
IN
"CRIME SCHOOL"

If you want our weekly program mailed to you, please leave name at Box Office.

WANTED

100 HOUND DOGS CURS, FEMALES

I buy most anything in the dog line. Will be in Franklin SATURDAY, AUG. 13, to buy dogs. I want 100 if you can get that many in town. Want hounds or three-quarter hounds, also females. Don't leave your dog at home. Bring him in and get the cash for him. Come early, I will have plenty of money for everybody. Will pay highest price possible for your dog. Don't forget the Date... Saturday, August 13th. D. GRAHAM.

Leaves From the Calendar Of The Years

Established truths known to all people grow into the public consciousness like history is made up of leaves from the calendar of the years.



Through the years our organization has served in a manner that has won the confidence of the community. The ceremonies we have directed in honor of the departed have left, in the minds of the living, a record of faithful, considerate service.



People we have never met before call upon us assured of our professional competence and business fairness. They have learned from others that they can choose from a wide range of prices.



He Serves Best Who Serves Most
O C BRYANT
Funeral Home
PHONE 106 NIGHT PHONE 20