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## CONSERVATION BODY IN W. N. C.

### State Board Makes Tour Of Western Counties This Week

Members of the state board of conservation and development opened a three-day meeting at Waynesville Sunday night. Monday morning a business session was held in the Haywood county courthouse at Waynesville and that afternoon a visit was made to the Great Smoky Mountains National park. Monday night was spent at Fryemont Inn in Bryson City, and Tuesday morning members of the board visited sections of the Nantahala National forest arriving in Sylva about noon where they were guests at a luncheon given by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Delegations from Waynesville, Bryson City and Franklin also were guests at the luncheon.

After leaving Sylva at 3:25 o'clock in the afternoon, the board members visited the state fish hatchery at Balsam. From there they went to Asheville.

The board members are: J. Q. Gilkey, Marion; Coleman Roberts, Charlotte; J. L. Horne, Jr., Rocky Mount; Joseph J. Stone, Greensboro; E. J. Bugg, Durham; F. Piercy Carter, Asheville; James L. McNair, Laurinburg; Roy Hampton, Plymouth; Sanford Martin, Winston-Salem; and John R. McLaughlin, Statesville.

The board members spent Tuesday night in Asheville and left for their homes Wednesday morning.

### Advance Hunting Dates

At its business meeting Monday morning, the board accepted recommendations of the game committee and made suggested changes in the opening dates of the quail, rabbit, turkey, and grouse hunting seasons. It advanced the quail season opening from December 15 to December 1, and moved back the opening of the rabbit season from November 1 to Thanksgiving day. Both seasons will close February 15. Under the new regulations grouse may be taken from December 1 to January 15.

The turkey season established corresponds with the quail season. Dates for hunting opossum and raccoon were October 1 to February 15.

## Folk Dancers To Be Here October 22

Bascom Lamar Lunsford, of Asheville, director of the Western Carolina Folk Dancers, accompanied by Congressman Weaver, visited Franklin during the past week, and arranged to bring a group of the folk dancers for an exhibition on Saturday evening, October 22, in the school auditorium. Those attending will not only enjoy the entertainment given by the folk dancers, but are invited to join in the square dances between the exhibitions by the visiting group. The proceeds will be given to the free lunch fund of the Franklin school.

This winter an effort will be made to train some of the talented folk dancers of the community to enter the annual contests of the Folk Dance Festival held in Asheville under the direction of Mr. Lunsford.

## P.-T. A. To Meet Monday Afternoon

The regular monthly meeting of the P.-T. A. will be held at the school house on Monday afternoon, October 17, at 3:30.

The subject to be discussed this month is mental hygiene, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Mrs. Grace Campbell, of Asheville, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. John Ramsey, at her home on Iotta street.

## Erosion

### Control Program Started In Fifteen Counties

Farmers of Macon county are losing thousands of dollars in soil wealth each year through the destructive agency of erosion. Here is an opportunity to stop at least a portion of this loss.

The North Carolina agricultural extension service and the department of forestry relations, TVA, are launching a program for direct cooperation with farmers in 15 counties in an effort to control soil erosion and give aid in flood prevention. The counties to be included in this program are Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey. In Macon county the campaign will be led by County Agent S. W. Mendenhall, and Assistant County Agent S. L. Williams.

Plans call for the planting of 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 trees on worn out, abandoned and eroding fields. In selecting areas for this cooperative forest planting, primary consideration will be given to the purpose of stopping or controlling existing erosion and preventing of future erosion.

The kinds of trees to be planted will include black locust, yellow poplar, shortleaf pine, pitch pine, Virginia pine, and white pine. Due to a small supply, white pine will be limited to Avery, Mitchell, and Watauga counties.

### Who is Eligible for Aid?

Any farmer who has land in need of erosion control and will agree to give reasonable cooperation in carrying out the project may avail himself of this opportunity to secure forest tree seedlings to plant on these waste areas and thereby stop erosion and bring these fields into productive use.

Application blanks are now available at the county agent's office.

Interested farmers should see S. W. Mendenhall, or S. L. Williams at once so they may get an early start and accomplish much work before the winter season sets in.

## J. W. EDWARDS IS PROMOTED

### Named Chief Deputy In U. S. Marshal's Office In Asheville

R. J. Jones has resigned as chief deputy at the U. S. marshal's office in Asheville and John W. Edwards has been appointed to succeed him, it was announced last Friday by Marshal Charles R. Price. Edwards has been serving as a deputy marshal since January, 1935.

Oleander Crayton Turner, of Rutherford county, has been appointed to the field deputy post left vacant by the promotion of Edwards. Marshal Price said the appointments are subject to approval by the attorney general. Senator Robert R. Reynolds recommended the appointments, he said.

John Edwards, who is a native of Macon county, served as field deputy in the Bryson City district and as disbursing officer at the marshal's office in Asheville. He attended the University of North Carolina and LaSalle University at Chicago. He is an expert on fingerprint classification.

Turner, who is 49 years of age, is a graduate of Wofford college at Spartanburg, S. C. Since August, 1934, he has been connected with the U. S. bureau of internal revenue as deputy collector.

Miss Mildred Bryson, Miss Audrey Conley and Miss Virginia Scott, all students at Brevard college, spent the week-end with their respective parents, returning to Brevard Monday morning.

## MRS. MOORE, 95 HAS BIRTHDAY

### Children, Grandchildren Gather Sunday At Nolen Home

The children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Mrs. Hattie Moore gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Nolen on Cartoogechaye last Sunday to celebrate the 95th birthday anniversary of "Aunt Hattie," as she is affectionately known to hundreds of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Moore is the daughter of the late Mrs. Margaret Siler Gash, sister of the four Siler brothers, who were pioneer settlers in Macon county. After her mother's death she lived with Jesse Siler, one of her uncles, and spent her girlhood days in the house at the foot of the hill on West Main street, now owned by Mrs. George A. Jones.

About 70 years ago Mrs. Moore was married to Captain William P. Moore and moved to Hayesville. Since her husband's death on their 50th wedding anniversary she has lived with her children in Franklin and Hayesville.

Mrs. Moore, among the oldest women in Macon county, rode seven miles to see "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" which was being shown at the theatre in Franklin the latter part of March.

Despite Mrs. Moore's age, she still enjoys motion pictures, radio programs pertaining to religion and current events, newspapers and magazines, which she reads daily without the aid of glasses. She has always been a lover of music and often rolls to the piano in her wheel chair and plays her old favorites, which she so often played in her younger days. Among the tunes she never fails to play is "Bonaparte's Retreat."

The children of Mrs. Moore are Mrs. Clarence Smith, Mrs. H. C. Moore, Lawrence, A. G., and William P. Moore, all of Hayesville, John J. Moore, of Stuart, Fla., Mrs. F. H. Nolen and Mrs. A. B. Slagle, of Franklin.

Those attending from out of the county were: Misses Bessie and Willie Lou Jordan and father, of Hendersonville; T. S. Gash, only brother of the honoree, and Ed Patton, of Brevard; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Allison and Miss Anna Lou Moore, of Sylva; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Phillips, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Phillips, all of Hayesville.

## Franklin Baseball Team Defeats Otter Creek 10-3

The Franklin baseball team has been playing the final game of the season each Sunday for the past three Sundays, and at this time it is not known as to whether or not Sunday's contest was the last.

The game was with the Otter Creek team and went for seven innings, Franklin winning by a score of 10 to 3.

A small crowd was on hand, as most of the baseball fans were staying close to radios to listen in on the final game of the world series.

## Little Thomas Henson Passes Saturday

Thomas Cleveland Henson, age 5 years and 11 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Henson, of near Otto, died at 1 a. m. Saturday, October 8, of Bright's disease. He had been suffering for four years.

He is survived by his parents, four brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were held at Asbury church Sunday at 3 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Swain. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Carl, Carter, Claude and Thurman Henson.

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MRS. HATTIE MOORE  
Whose Birthday Was Observed By  
Children, Grandchildren And Many  
Other Relatives.

## Teachers

### To Attend District Meet In Asheville

The sixteenth annual convention of the North Carolina Teachers' association of the western district will be held in Asheville, October 14 and 15. Charles C. Erwin, the president, will preside. The chief speaker will be Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, professor of education, teachers' college, Columbia University.

Prof. Wells is anticipating 100 per cent attendance at this convention of the Franklin teachers. They are planning to attend the business meeting in a group Friday afternoon. The teachers of the Highlands and rural schools of the county are expected to be there also, as important issues are to be discussed in which every teacher is vitally interested.

Macon county is fortunate in having Mrs. Helen Macon appointed on the resolutions committee, for she will have an opportunity to present the objectives which the Macon teachers are working for.

## F. H. S. TO PLAY BRYSON CITY

### Contest Set For Oct. 21; Coach Getting Team In Shape

The Franklin football team will travel to Bryson City Friday week for its second tilt with this team.

Coach Shuford has spent most of this week getting his boys in better shape. He says that the team must get in better physical condition in order to learn the fundamentals of football and to execute the plays with more precision. He insists that mental and physical alertness at all times must be developed to a finer degree in order to have a good football team.

Coach Shuford thinks that it will be more difficult to win over Bryson City on its field, but he hopes that the members of the squad will put more serious effort into their practice and thereby will prepare themselves to play a better game than the last one with Bryson City.

**Panthers Lose to Cullowhee**  
The game between Franklin and the Cullowhee reserves last Thursday resulted in a score of 13 to 0 in favor of Cullowhee. Franklin, however, made 15 first downs to 7 for the opposing team.

## Silver Tea To Be Given For Milk Fund

A silver tea will be given at Kelly's Tea Room on Friday afternoon, October 21, by the combined missionary societies of the Franklin churches, and the proceeds will go to the milk fund for needy children in the Franklin schools.

The public is urged to attend and help in this worthy cause.

## SOCIAL AGENCY MEETING HELD

### Council Joins In State Drive To Wipe Out Illiteracy

The council of social agencies of Macon county, meeting at Kelly's Tea Room on Wednesday evening, passed a resolution to unite with the forces of adult education in the state in their aim to wipe out illiteracy in North Carolina by 1940.

New members welcomed included Leo Manley, area head of employment division, WPA; George R. Johnson, area social worker, WPA; T. C. Mims, supervisor farm security administration; J. R. Wells, principal Franklin school; O. F. Summer, principal Highlands school.

Mrs. Leona P. Duncan, head of the adult education teachers in Macon county, reported results of the literacy survey made by these teachers in June and July.

"We have employed on our adult education program 12 teachers—six men and six women. We visited every community it was possible to reach in the two months; 292 men and women were taught to write their names," Mrs. Duncan reported.

Reference was made to the neighboring county of Swain, which has taught every citizen to at least be able to write his name.

"Illiterates are growing up every day in Macon county that will be an expense to the county if left alone. We all know that an educated parent means an educated child, and until we can educate the parents and get their cooperation to keep the children in school there will always be illiterates. It will take a lot of cooperation and a lot of real work to blot out illiteracy in this county by 1940, but it can be done if we unite in this aim."

**Keep Older Children in School**

Mr. Wells, principal of the Franklin high school, spoke of the factors that work to keep the older boys and girls in school—athletics and various clubs and activities in class and recreation that appeal to the interest and growth of the youth of teen age. Mr. Wells reported the beginning of publication of a school newspaper by Franklin high school, with a full setup of student staff.

Mr. Summer, principal of Highlands high school, spoke of the vital need throughout the county of physical equipment—additional buildings better class rooms, class room and laboratory and manual training facilities.

The Rev. Frank Bloxham, speaking of the help the church people can give, suggested that every community, no matter how poor, can do something to improve their schoolhouses—put in windows and repair buildings, thereby increasing interest through self help.

Mrs. Eloise Franks, superintendent of welfare, referred to the difficulties in enforcing the compulsory school law, and the necessity of carrying our community with us in all we do.

Mrs. Margaret Ordway, head of the National Youth administration, reported the first kindergarten in the county at the Otter Creek school, of which Miss Charlotte Young is principal, in the extreme western part of the county, the boys of NYA building the furniture and setting up the equipment.

Dr. T. J. O'Neil, head of the recreational division, reported work done to improve the recreational activities, especially in the rural and the colored schools.

A general round table discussion of educational problems was held at the conclusion of the reports. The chairman, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, announced that the next meeting would be arranged in November when it is hoped that a number of the representatives of the North Carolina board of charities and public welfare would be present.