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## DECEMBER TERM COURT MONDAY

### Judge Felix E. Alley To Preside; Murder Case On Docket

The December term of Macon superior court will convene next Monday, December 5, with Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, presiding.

After the jurors have been sworn in and the grand jury charged by Judge Alley, the criminal docket will be taken up.

The only case of outstanding importance is that of Nathan Brendle and Mrs. Lawrence Mason charged with murder in the death by poisoning of Lawrence R. (Jabo) Mason, and which was postponed from the August term on account of the illness of J. N. Moody, of Murphy, chief defense counsel for Mrs. Mason.

The civil docket is very light, containing only 35 cases, 14 of which are uncontested divorce suits, and this docket is not expected to require a great deal of time.

A large crowd will probably be in town Monday, as it is the day for the recently elected county officers to be sworn in and is also regular meeting day for the commissioners.

## Enrollment Increasing In Nursery School

The nursery school which was opened in the agricultural building on November 14, through the efforts of Dr. T. J. O'Neil, recreational director, has averaged an increase in enrollment of one pupil a day, the present number of children being 33.

A visit to this new venture in education in our community finds a busy happy group under the guidance of Mrs. Allie E. Wood, head teacher and her assistants, Mrs. Verlon Stockton and Marie Rogers.

You may find the little ones, who range in ages from 3 to 6 years, marching by the Victrola, singing, or listening to a story, or engaged in one of their many games and activities, such as molding clay, painting and drawing, building block houses or playing bean bags.

Then there is a lunch time when all form in line and receive their cups of fruit or tomato juice as their mid-morning refreshment.

Most of the children furnish their own cups and juice, and many have brought trays and other equipment. Stools and some other furnishings have been made by young people working under Dr. O'Neil, but much is needed for the proper equipment of this new enterprise, and those interested are invited to share in giving some necessary articles.

A new teacher is being added to the present staff, so that twice the number of children now enrolled can be cared for. Parents are urged to send their little ones for this training in good habits and happy play.

## Banquet

### To Be Attended By Coach Wolf December 9

Coach Ray B. (Bear) Wolf, head coach of the University of North Carolina, is expected to be the principal speaker at a banquet to be given for the Franklin high school football team on Friday, December 9.

The banquet will be sponsored by the Macon county alumni of the University of North Carolina, and the details are being arranged by T. W. Angel, Jr., Dr. Edgar Angel, Principal J. R. Wells and Coach Shuford.

At this banquet the High School Athletic association monograms will be presented to the members of the team who have earned their letters for outstanding work on the football field this season.

Coach Wolf is one of the nation's noted athletic leaders and is a very busy man, and his visit to a town as small as Franklin is an unusual event. It is an honor to the football team and an appropriate climax to a successful season.

Plans for the banquet are not complete, but it will probably be served at Dr. Edgar Angel's Nantahala camp, and it is expected to make it a feast of quail, grouse, pheasants, rabbits, etc., as well as all the other "fixins."

## ROLL CALL TO END NEXT WEEK

### Quota Will Be Passed; Final List In Next Week's Issue

While Roll Call returns have not been as large for the past week as chapter officials had hoped, reports indicate that the quota will be passed with a margin to spare.

Several workers have reported that they will have additional memberships after the first of the month. No report has been received from Highlands during the week and several memberships will probably be added from there.

A final roll will be published in next week's issue of The Press and workers are asked to send in their lists and memberships to the Rev. H. S. Williams, Roll Call chairman, before Tuesday afternoon.

A total of 281 memberships have been turned in to date.

Since last week's issue the following memberships have been received:

Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, Mrs. J. J. Edwards, George Patton, Dr. T. J. O'Neil, Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, James L. Averell, Mrs. James L. Averell, Rev. Frank Bloxham, Mrs. Frank Bloxham, Mrs. W. H. Sellers, Roy Cunningham, Lawrence Patton, Roy Carpenter, Quince Houser, Jimmy Houser, Mrs. L. T. Williams, Harry S. Williams, Mrs. Martha C. Shields, George E. Brown, H. H. Hirsch, Mrs. H. H. Hirsch, Lester Conley, C. L. Cartledge, G. S. Crawford, Red Nolen, H. R. Kemp, Paul Carpenter.

Otto R. A. Hertzler, Capt. C. R. McCormack.

## Bible Class To Have Pie Sale

Members of the F. S. Johnson Bible class of the Franklin Methodist church will sponsor a pie sale on Tuesday, December 6, in the Nantahala Power & Light company office.

There will be lemon, apple, coconut, butterscotch, cherry, and pineapple pies on sale, and the money derived from the pies will be used for the children's orphanage.

Ladies will be there after 10 o'clock Tuesday morning to either sell you a whole pie or to serve you pie, doughnuts and coffee. Anyone who wishes to place an order for some special pie, please see Mrs. Lester S. Conley.

## PUBLIC URGED TO BUY SEALS

### Health Nurse Tells How Money Is Spent In County

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This year is the 32nd anniversary to be celebrated by a nation-wide educational campaign against tuberculosis and the 3rd year Macon county has joined in this celebration. Prof. O. F. Summer, principal of Highlands school, has again been named county chairman, and the campaign is now under way. The county's quota is set at \$60.00. Seals may be purchased either through Prof. Summer or through pupils of county schools.

The tuberculosis death rate was greatly increased in 1936 with a slight decline in 1937. This means that the fight must go on. Let us pause and think for a moment of the health that is sought after by millions and how we can help protect the coming generation from this foe. It takes money to fight the battle and the pennies derived from the sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals is a big factor in helping to decrease the tuberculosis death rate in the United States. The wealthy people should not have to finance this fight but everyone should contribute, for only in so doing, will they learn how to help themselves.

The county receives 75 per cent of the money that is collected from seal sales. Last year under the direction of the local seal sales chairman, a total of \$35.67 was left in the treasury of this county. This money was turned over to the health department to be used for the care and prevention of tuberculosis. There are 12 active cases of tuberculosis known and visited by the health department. Most of these families are indigent and need incidental items in their homes to be used for the protection of other members of their families. Sheets, bed ticking, pillow cases, personal linen, disinfectant solutions, cough mixtures, which were prescribed by family physician, pocket and bedside sputum cups, screens for the doors and windows, milk, X-rays on suspicious cases found in the tuberculosis clinic in September are the items on which the money was spent. These are a few of the necessities needed in homes where the patient cannot receive sanatorium care or hospitalization and where home care can be more adequately provided by educating the family in the proper isolation and precautions taken while nursing tuberculosis in the home.

Every citizen of Macon county should strive to make this campaign double that of last year by giving your whole-hearted support. Buy Christmas seals to use on your Christmas gifts and show you are helping a great cause.

## Federation Employees Attend Asheville Dinner

E. Y. Walker, manager Farmers Federation warehouse in Franklin; Horace Nolen and Earl Rickman, employees, and Paul Ammons and Elmer Crawford as their guests, attended a dinner at the Battery Park hotel in Asheville Monday evening at 7 o'clock, given by the Farmers Federation and the Quaker Oats company of Asheville.

## Fire Friday Night At Lyle Home

The home of Mrs. S. H. Lyle barely escaped destruction by fire on Friday night. An overheated chimney in an upstairs room caused the flooring to catch fire. When discovered about 2:30 a. m. the fire had burned through the ceiling of the room below and was rapidly spreading. The blaze was extinguished without calling the fire department.

## Young Democrats

### Reorganize Macon County Club Tuesday Night

At a meeting held Tuesday night in the office of Harley R. Cabe, clerk of superior court, the Young Democratic club of Macon county was reorganized and new officers elected.

John W. Edwards, organizer for the western district, was present at the meeting, and was accompanied by O. C. Turner, U. S. deputy marshal.

The meeting was well attended and talks were made by Messrs. Edwards and Turner, J. Frank Ray, J. L. Houser and others.

The following officers were elected: J. L. Houser, president; Miss Mary Berry, first vice-president; Ralph Penland, second vice-president; Bill Bryson, secretary, and Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, treasurer.

## MAN ENDS LIFE WITH SHOTGUN

### Body of Carter McDowell, Horse Cove Citizen, Found In Road

Carter McDowell, 35, of the Horse Cove section, ended his own life last Thursday morning by firing a load from a 12 gauge shotgun into his chest. Ill health was given as the reason for the act.

McDowell's body was found on the Horse Cove road, about four miles southeast of Highlands, shortly after 7 o'clock Thursday morning. The body was found by Corbin Hawks and Sam McCall, both of the Horse Cove section, who were en route to work at a sawmill where McDowell also was employed.

A shotgun was found beside the body. Officers, who investigated, said McDowell had fired the weapon by placing it against a bank and releasing the trigger with a 30-inch stick.

C. M. Moore, Macon county coroner, and a jury investigated the death later in the morning, returning a verdict that McDowell ended his own life.

Funeral and interment occurred Friday at Betty's Creek, near his old home.

## Used Toys Requested For Christmas Tree

Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, welfare superintendent, requests the donation of used toys for Christmas distribution. All those who can contribute are requested to bring them to the welfare department. Broken toys will be mended and old toys painted. These will be distributed to the children by the American Legion from the community Christmas tree.

## St. Agnes Auxiliary To Have Bazaar

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Agnes church will hold a Christmas bazaar and food sale on Saturday, December 10, in the Nantahala Power & Light offices in the rear of the courthouse. Cakes, cookies and candies in great variety will be on sale. Many beautiful and useful articles of hand work suitable for gifts will be sold also.

The sale will begin at 10 a. m. and continue throughout the day.

## Macon County Men Get U. S. Sentences

Ted Gillespie, of Franklin, and Grace Fleming, who has been operating a filling station on the Georgia road, were sentenced on liquor charges in the United States court in Bryson City Monday. Gillespie for 18 months and Fleming for 10 months. It is understood that Gillespie will be sent to a government prison in Pennsylvania and that Fleming will go to Petersburg, Va., where he can receive treatment for pellagra in a government hospital.

## WPA LAYS OFF 871 IN COUNTY

### Road Work And Forest Service Projects Stopped

A total of approximately 871 men employed on various WPA projects in Macon county were laid off last Friday, and the area WPA offices in Franklin have no information as to when work will be resumed, according to statements made to a Press representative Tuesday. It is believed, however, that the lay-off will be of short duration.

Lack of material was given as the reason for stopping work on farm-to-market road projects, which employed 521 men.

A forest service project using WPA funds, on which only two days' work had been done, was discontinued on telegraphed order which gave no explanation.

As soon as material is received the farm-to-market road work will go on, but nothing is known in regard to the forest service project.

It is known that WPA work is being curtailed somewhat all over the United States on account of shortage of funds, but the general lay-off of last Friday affected only Macon county in this area.

The sewing rooms, lunch rooms and other women's projects were not affected and are carrying on as usual. Also the NYA work, under Mrs. J. A. Ordway, employing 165 people, and the recreational work under Dr. T. J. O'Neal are not included, as separate funds are allotted for that work.

The WPA area officials in the Franklin offices are hopeful that all men laid off may be put back to work before the holidays, but they can do nothing until orders are received from state headquarters, and state officials cannot act until instructions are received from Washington.

## Street Decorations For Holidays

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce has interested itself in decorating Main Street again this year for the holiday season. Last year the business houses contributed sufficient funds to purchase the material. Nantahala Power and Light company assembled, put up and lighted the display. The same idea is being followed this year, using a somewhat different arrangement of material.

It is understood that the Boy Scouts are also to have a part in this year's decorative display which will be lighted about December 10.

## Power Co. To Sponsor Home Lighting Contest

The Nantahala Power & Light company will sponsor a Christmas lighting contest for homes this year and several cash prizes will be offered. The contest will be open to all citizens except employees of the company or their relatives.

The judges will be disinterested parties who are not in the contest and who have no connection with the power company.

Details and list of prizes will be announced next week.

## Baptist Church Items

A new furnace is being installed this week in the Baptist church which we expect to use for the first time this coming Lord's Day.

The pastor, Rev. C. F. Rogers, will preach at 11 a. m. on the theme, "Satan's Counterfeit of the Holy Spirit."

B. T. U. and Men's Brotherhood at 6:30 p. m.

At 7:30 the pastor will continue his Sunday night messages on the Bible with the account of the children of Israel in Egypt and the "Language of the Monuments of Egypt and the Word of God."

Next week will be Missionary Week, the general meeting to be held Thursday afternoon.



Only 20 More Shopping Days Till Christmas