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ESSO PROMOTES STEVE PORTER

Given Sales Agency In Hendersonville For Oil Company

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Steve Porter in Macon county will be interested in the announcement that Mr. Porter has been made sales agent for Henderson county for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

The daily Times-News, of Hendersonville, in the issue of last Thursday contained the following story concerning Mr. Porter's appointment:

"J. S. (Steve) Porter, new Standard Oil products sales agent of this territory, is a native of Macon county and came to Hendersonville in January, 1935, from Franklin to assume the management of the Standard station at South Main and Allen streets.

"About a year later Mr. Porter took over the Standard station at the intersection of the Asheville highway and the Haywood road and has operated both stations since that time.

"In the short time that he has been here Mr. Porter has been prominent in civic affairs of the city, being a director of the Rotary club, a member of the Henderson district council of the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Junior Order, and a Mason. An enthusiastic helper in the Chamber of Commerce, he is a member of the agricultural committee.

"Steve last year received the Rotary club award of the Milo Strong memorial membership in the Hendersonville Golf and Country club for outstanding achievement in Rotary during the year.

"Mr. and Mrs. Porter live on Fleming street and are members of the First Methodist church."

Standard salesmen and agents of the Hendersonville area were guests on Wednesday night of last week at a banquet at the Skyland hotel in that city, given in honor of Mr. Porter. The speech introducing the honor guest was made by Jess Conley, of Franklin for whom Mr. Porter worked when he first started with the company 10 years ago.

Steve's Franklin friends rejoice with him in his promotion.

Mrs. Holland

Dies Monday At Home At Gneiss

Mrs. Bertha Viola Holland, 25, died Monday night at her home at Gneiss. Death was attributed to pneumonia, although she had been suffering for two years with diabetes.

Mrs. Holland was a daughter of the late Samuel Crawford and Mrs. Crawford, of Franklin Route 4. She was a member of the Sugarfork Baptist church.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Sugarfork Baptist church by the Rev. Frank Reed, a Baptist minister from Georgia. Interment was in the church cemetery. The pallbearers were: Cleo Holland, Roy Dills, Charlie Henderson, Chester Holland, Grady Holland and Terry Henderson.

Surviving are her husband, Lem Holland; one son, Samuel Luther Holland; her mother, Mrs. Samuel Crawford; five brothers, Lee, Luther, George and Jim Crawford, all of Macon county, and Will Crawford, of Jackson county; two sisters, Mrs. Jack Cabe, of Franklin Route 4, and Mrs. Jack Haskett, of Jackson county.

Mrs. D. C. McCoy, wife of the Rev. Mr. McCoy, is critically ill at her home on Oak Grove, suffering from a heart ailment and complications.

William Moffitt

Passes Feb. 24 At Home Near Prentiss

William Sharon Moffitt, 83, died at his home near Prentiss last Friday, February 24, following a stroke of apoplexy which he suffered Wednesday morning.

Mr. Moffitt was a widely known farmer, having lived his entire life in Macon county. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt, also of Macon county. He joined Union Methodist church at the age of 30 years.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Roxie Elliott, and four sons, Dillard Moffitt, Lawrence Moffitt, Alex Moffitt, and Carey Moffitt, all of Prentiss; one daughter, Miss Emma Moffitt, of Prentiss; one sister, Mrs. Marguerett Ramey, of Cartoogechaye; and one brother, Lawson K. Moffitt, of Prentiss.

Funeral services were held at Union Methodist church, near Prentiss, Saturday afternoon with the Rev. J. C. Swaim, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

DEATH CLAIMS

E. A. VAN HOOK

Funeral Held At Clark's Chapel Tuesday Afternoon

Edgar A. Van Hook, 70, died at his home in the Riverside section at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon after an illness of three years. Death was due to heart trouble and complications.

Mr. Van Hook was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Van Hook. He was born and reared in Macon county. He was a well known farmer and a member of the Clark's Chapel Methodist church and of the Otto council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

In 1897 Mr. Van Hook was married to Miss Elizabeth Garland, of Rabun Gap, Ga.

The funeral services were held at Clark's Chapel Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor, was in charge, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Harvey, Lex, Roy, and Vance Van Hook, Billy Smart, and Charles Rogers.

Surviving are his widow; three children, Mrs. William Smart, of McCormick, S. C., Mrs. Locke Davis, of Candler, and Russell Van Hook, of Franklin; two sisters, Nora and Adelia, of Franklin, and one brother, I. H., of Alaska.

Singers To Meet In Franklin Sunday

All the singers in Macon county are asked to meet at the courthouse on Sunday afternoon, March 5, at 1:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a 1st Sunday singing convention, it has been announced by Walter H. Dalton.

Review Of WPA Social Work Being Made

A team of 17 interviewers and three clerical workers are making a review of WPA social work through the 12th area offices in Franklin, under the direction of Mrs. Harriet R. Whittaker, area social work supervisor.

This work is part of a national review of the WPA working load to determine its present economic status, pursuant to the recent act of Congress, and which is being made throughout the United States at this time. The survey will be completed by March 20.

WILL CONDUCT ESSAY CONTEST

American Legion Offers Prizes To N. C. High School Students

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A state-wide essay contest will again be conducted among the high school students of North Carolina by the North Carolina Department of the American Legion.

Last year Harold Sloan, of Franklin high school, won second prize in the state and \$18.00.

The details are as follows:

Subject—"A Comparison of the Advantages of American Citizenship."

Eligibility—All high school students are eligible.

Prizes—Citation by national headquarters, the American Legion, \$25, \$15, and \$10 for first, second and third best essays submitted in the state-wide contest. These prizes to be awarded by the American Legion, Department of North Carolina.

The winning essay will be published in the North Carolina Legion News.

Rules—All essays will be limited to 1,000 words. Each essay shall be submitted by the pupil (typewritten and not signed), who will attach to the essay his slip of paper on which will be the pupil's name, school and address. Essays in each county and in each city high school shall be submitted prior to April 5, 1939, to the county superintendent of schools, who shall submit same to a board of judges to be appointed by him.

The county superintendent of schools shall forward the winning essay in his county direct to Hon. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, Raleigh, on or before April 10, 1939, who will submit such essays to the final board of judges to be selected by Mr. Erwin and Department Commander Burgin Pennell, which board of judges will announce the prize winners prior to April 30, 1939. The decision of the judges shall be final.

Interesting Exhibit At Filling Station

If you are interested in things reptilian, piscatory, and varmint generally, all safely bottled in formaldehyde, see the exhibit in front of Cunningham's Filling Station.

W. R. Skaggs, fish attendant of the Nantahala national forest stationed at Arrowood, has made this amazing collection over a period of years. Besides snakes galore and other reptiles, there are fish from one hour old, triple fish with three heads to the tail, a ground mole out of a skull buried 44 years, a water dog, ground dog and ground hog, hickory horn "devil," a "white elephant," and many other rare specimens one would not like to meet in the dark.

Prewitts Bound Over To Federal Court

After a hearing before United States Commissioner R. A. Patton Monday afternoon, Mrs. Elsie Prewitt and her daughter, Jessie, were bound over to the federal court at Bryson City on a charge of possessing whiskey on which no tax had been paid. Bond was fixed at \$200 each.

Sheriff A. B. Slagle and Chief of Police C. D. Baird searched the Prewitt house on February 18 and found 13 pints and three half gallon jars of liquor hidden in a bed, and Mrs. Prewitt was bound over to the superior court for violation of the state prohibition law. The federal charge is in addition to the state case.

Home Burned

In East Franklin Early Monday Morning

The residence of Early Angel in East Franklin was totally destroyed by fire early Monday morning. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective chimney or flue. The blaze started in the upper part of the house and gained great headway before it was discovered.

The fire alarm was sounded and the boys responded promptly, but there is no fire hydrant close enough to permit use of city water to the place and the chemical extinguishers proved insufficient to control the flames, which spread rapidly over the entire structure.

Some of the furniture and a quantity of canned goods were saved, but a large part of the contents of the house, including most of the family's clothing, were destroyed.

Insurance to the amount of \$1,200 was carried on the house and \$500 on the furniture, which will help in some measure to rehabilitate the family.

Mr. Angel, who is a carpenter, has been seriously ill for some time and unable to work, and the loss of their home is a severe blow to the family.

Mr. Angel desires through The Press to express his sincere appreciation to all those who assisted in saving part of the furnishings of his home, and especially the firemen who responded so quickly and worked so faithfully in their efforts to save the house.

NOAH JOLLY, 67 PASSES MONDAY

Well Known Citizen Dies At Daughter's Home On Burningtown

Noah L. Jolly, 67, died Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Robert Parrish, in the Burningtown section. He was ill two months. Death was due to uremic poisoning.

Mr. Jolly, a well known farmer and carpenter, was a native of Tennessee. He came to Macon county in boyhood. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Jolly. He married Miss Adeline Bryson, of Macon county.

Mr. Jolly was a member of the First Pentecostal church on Cullasaja.

The funeral services were held at the Sugarfork Baptist church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Fred Forester, of Cullowhee, officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Oran Holland, Bob Estes, W. P. Landrum, Joe Ashear, Bill Parrish, and Terrell Parrish.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. J. Robert Parrish, of Franklin, Route 3; three sons, the Rev. William C. Jolly, of Detroit, Mich.; the Rev. Lyman A. Jolly, of Winston-Salem, and the Rev. McArthur Jolly, of London, Ky.; three brothers, John, of Shelby, Ohio; Brown, of Mountain Rest, S. C., and Charles, of Durham; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Norton, of Shelby, Ohio, and Mrs. Cordelia King, of Brevard, and two grandchildren.

Ministerial Association To Meet Monday

The inter-denominational ministerial association will meet at the First Baptist church in Franklin at 10 a. m. Monday, March 6. Matters of importance are to be considered, and every pastor and minister is urged to be present.

At 11 a. m. at the same place, the Baptist pastors and ministers will hold a business meeting and Bible study, and lunch will be served at the noon hour to all Baptist ministers attending.

MONEY BILLS BEFORE HOUSE

Committees Finish Work On Measures; Some Taxes Raised

Beginning next Monday, the members of the North Carolina General Assembly will be working without pay, as the 60-day period during which the assemblymen get \$10 a day ends Saturday. The legislature may continue in session as long as it wishes, but the fact that there will be no more pay will probably speed up proceedings.

The budget and appropriations committees have completed their work and the two measures are now before the house. The budget bill calls for \$154,361,292 for the next biennium, and the revenue measure virtually balances the proposed expenditures.

Some Taxes Increased

Under the revenue act the state will get 40 per cent instead of 25 per cent of the intangible tax yield and petroleum wholesalers and chain stores will pay slightly increased rates. The salaries of federal officials in the state will be taxed, and a one dollar tax will be collected from all punch boards. The sales tax will be retained with little change.

The revenue bill is expected to give way on the floor to the appropriations bill which was reported early last week, but has not yet been placed on the house calendar.

Both the revenue and appropriations measures are expected to undergo revisions in the house before final action.

Revise Justice Of Peace Law

A favorable report was given by the house committee on courts and judicial districts to a bill to revise the selection of justices of the peace. As amended, the measure provides for the election of justices every two years, beginning in 1940. One justice would be allowed in each township regardless of its size, and an additional justice would be permitted for townships of 5,000 to 15,000 population, and one additional justice for each 20,000 population. Two justices would be allowed in each county seat.

The measure would specify that the governor might "appoint for successive terms any justice serving under appointment of the governor on January 1, 1939."

Leaders are still hoping for adjournment by the middle of March, but the general opinion seems to be that the session will last until the first of April.

No local acts affecting Macon county have been introduced or passed during the week.

Large Still Captured By Officers Sunday

A still with an estimated capacity of 80 gallons was captured Sunday by Deputy Sheriff John Dills and Justice of the Peace George Guest in the upper Coweta section and brought to town.

Alex Shope, who was found working around the still, was arrested and later released under bond. It is understood that Shope is also under bond on a drunk driving charge for which he was arrested some two weeks ago.

Approximately 250 gallons of mash and four and one-half gallons of liquor were also found at the still and destroyed by the officers.

Fifty Books Donated To Aquone School

Miss Mary Elmore, principal of the Aquone school, announces that 50 books, suitable for children from the first to seventh grades, have been donated to the school by the Boston Lend-a-Hand Book Mission. The books have arrived and have been placed in the school library, and the gift is very much appreciated by both teachers and pupils.