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ACCIDENT KILLS R. G. SLAGLE, 37

Former Macon County Man Crushed By Engine

Further details have been received concerning the death of Rufus G. Slagle in Randle, Wash., on Wednesday of last week, and it is learned that his death was caused by the slipping of a Diesel engine which he was helping to load on a truck, and which fell upon him and crushed him to death.

Mr. Slagle was an experienced timber man and owned an extensive tract of big timber near Randle which he was preparing to cut when the fatal accident occurred. He was 37 years old and had been in Washington for many years, having gone there when quite a young man.

Mr. Slagle was married May 30, 1930, to Miss Doris Greene, of Randle, who survives him. He was a member of the Randle Methodist church.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Randle on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Mr. Whisler, of Ajlune, and the Rev. O. Anthony, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment was in Silver Creek cemetery.

Surviving, besides the widow, are two young daughters, Norma Jean and Betty Ann, and one son, Buddy; his mother, Mrs. Henry Slagle, of Cartoogechaye; five brothers, Dr. T. D., of Puerto Rico; Jesse, Frank and Hal, of Washington state; Fred, of Cartoogechaye, and one sister, Mrs. Joe Setser, of Cartoogechaye. Another brother, J. M. Slagle, was killed in action in France in 1918.

Baptist

S. S. Convention To Meet At Tellico Sunday

The Macon County Baptist Sunday School convention will meet at the Tellico Baptist church next Sunday afternoon, November 26, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, it has been announced by Paul Swafford, president of the convention.

The program will open with a song by members of Tellico Sunday school. The devotional will be led by Walter H. Dalton, followed by the roll call and the reports from the various Sunday schools in the county.

A talk on "Opportunity for Expansion in Our Sunday Schools" by J. L. Sanders. Special music will be rendered by the Byrd family of the Tellico community.

The Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, will deliver the special message of the afternoon.

All churches are expected to have a large representation present. The public is invited to attend.

Union Thanksgiving Service November 29

The annual union Thanksgiving service for the churches of the community will be held in the Franklin Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening, November 29, at 7:30 o'clock. The various ministers of the community will take part in the service with the Rev. Ivon L. Roberts, pastor of the local Methodist church, bringing a special Thanksgiving sermon. Special music will be furnished by the choir made up of members of the various churches. A special offering will be received for the orphanages represented by the participating congregations. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Attractive Book Tells Fire Fighting History

The Press has received a copy of "Engine! Engine!" an attractive and valuable book recently issued by The Home Insurance company, of New York. The book is illustrated with many colored plates of old fire engines and equipment and contains a wealth of historical matter concerning fire fighting in early American days.

Exhaustive research and care have been exercised to secure accuracy of description and authenticity of detail in illustrations and story, and the book is one well worth preserving for reference.

Bernard Poliakoff, a student at the University of South Carolina, is spending this week in Franklin with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Poliakoff.

P.-T. A. Meeting

Held Monday Best In Attendance For Year

"Aims and Goals for the Franklin School for the Year" was the subject of an address before the Parent-Teacher Association meeting last Monday, by the principal, W. H. Finley. In the course of his talk Mr. Finley announced that every teacher in the Franklin school possessed an A Grade certificate. In the field of physical improvements it was reported that all school rooms are being painted a light cream and brown, the children themselves contributing substantially to this expense.

A round table discussion led by Mrs. Thomas J. O'Neil, teacher of home economics, on "Social Standards in the High School" was entered into thoroughly by mothers and teachers, bringing out helpful suggestions to be followed by a committee appointed to plan social activities and guide a wholesome social life for the students.

Mrs. Helen Macon reported the results of a survey made by Dr. Killian of Cullowhee, on standards and aptitudes of high school pupils of 17 counties in Western North Carolina, as applied to Macon county. The graph showed that in academic studies Macon county rated as high as Lee Edwards high school, Asheville. In emotional, social, health and home life the graph of this county fell below that of many others. This year's aims will include plans on the part of parents, teachers and students to improve these points during this year.

The membership committee reported that 101 members had paid dues for 1939. A Hobby Show was announced as a feature of December's meeting, each member being asked to bring a hobby to exhibit. This will be a social meeting. Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., president, presided at the meeting, which was acclaimed as the best in attendance and program for the year.

LIONS CLUB TO AID CHILDREN

Will Purchase Glasses For Those Who Have Defective Vision

At their Monday night business meeting in Cagle's Cafe, the Franklin Lions Club heard a report from Bob Gaines that there were 45 children in Macon county with defective eyesight and no money to buy the needed glasses. County health and welfare reports were used in the survey.

It was decided that the club would start on this project by buying five pairs of glasses through state facilities. The glasses cost from \$3.50 to \$6.00 a pair. Apparently the children needing glasses are generally found to have poor marks in school. Means were discussed for raising money to accomplish this project so that no needy child would be denied.

The club also decided to join the Red Cross 100 per cent and the members present gave the secretary one dollar each to be turned over to Roll Call officials.

Dr. Ben Grant was welcomed in as a new member.

A number of Franklin Lions and their wives attended a Ladies' Night dinner given by the Clayton, Ga., club last Thursday night and were royally entertained. The speaker of the evening was Dr. E. Waights Henry, superintendent of the Atlanta district in the Methodist conference, and a musical program was given by the music department of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school. The Franklin club plans to invite the Clayton Lions to an entertainment here at a future date.

Deputy Dills Captures Copper Still, Five Men

John Dills, deputy sheriff of Macon county, captured a 35-gallon capacity copper still on Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock on the Highlands-Dillard road two- and one-half miles out of Highlands.

Mr. Dills who found the still in operation, destroyed 15 gallons of apple brandy and 500 gallons of mash, and captured five men. They were Ed Russell, Bill Munger, John Russell, Wayne Lowe and Harrison Jones, all of the Highlands community.

John Russell, Harrison Jones, and Ed Russell made bond of \$200 for their appearance at the December 4 term of Macon Superior court, while Wayne Lowe and Harrison Jones were placed in jail in default of bond.

Ingerle's "Nantahala"



Courtesy of The Charlotte News.

Above is a reproduction of one of the paintings of Rudolph Ingerle, distinguished artist of Chicago, who is holding an exhibit in Charlotte at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Ingerle spent several seasons in Bryson City, where some of his most beautiful canvasses were painted, of scenes in that neighborhood. The Ingerles have visited Franklin and Mr. Ingerle has expressed the wish to paint some of Franklin's beautiful scenery.

Volunteer



Former British and American championship golfer, Pam Barton, now does all her driving from behind the wheel of an ambulance. With thousands of British women, Pam volunteered for ambulance service and is now in training.

Correction

Last week in our article announcing the removal of T. D. Bryson, Jr., and family from Bryson City to Franklin, we erroneously gave Mr. Bryson the name "Thomas". Discovering this mistake, we hasten to give the correct name, which is Thaddeus D. Bryson, Jr.

FIRE DESTROYS HI SCHOOL GYM

Building And Equipment Burned Wednesday Morning

The Franklin high school gymnasium was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning, together with all football suits and helmets and much other equipment belonging to the school. The fire is thought to have started from coals spilled on the floor from the stove where a fire had been started Tuesday afternoon to heat water for the showers. It had evidently been gradually spreading all night, and before it was discovered had gained such headway that it was impossible to save any part of the building.

The fire alarm was sounded at about 5:30 in the morning and the fire department responded promptly but by that time the entire structure was ablaze and it was impossible to check the flames.

The gymnasium was a frame structure erected several years ago under a CWA grant. It was insured for \$2,000.

It is understood that an effort will be made to replace the old building with a larger and more commodious structure, that will be fireproof and more suited to the needs of the school.

All for Safety



No—the picture isn't upside-down. This pilot is merely testing a new airplane safety belt at Wright field, Dayton, Ohio. The belt is protection against crash landings.

J. E. Rice

Dies Wednesday Morning In Spruce Pine

John E. Rice, formerly a leading business man of Franklin, but who moved to Spruce Pine about eight years ago, died at his home in that city Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock after a week's illness.

Mr. Rice was a native of Shelbyville, Tenn., and came to Franklin to enter the mica business. He built a handsome home here and was prominent in the business and civic affairs of the town. He was a leading member of the Presbyterian church and was also a Mason and a Shriner.

He had a host of friends throughout Macon county who were deeply pained by the news of his death.

Funeral services were held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church with the Rev. Dr. Augustus R. Craig, pastor, officiating. The body lay in state at the church from 11 to 2 o'clock. Interment was in Liberty Hill cemetery, Spruce Pine.

Surviving are his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Martha Fulton, of Shreveport, La., and a son, D. D. Rice, of Johnson City, Tenn.

Three Macon Boys Enlist In Navy

Ray Barnard, of Iotla; Fred Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Murray, of Franklin, and Ethan Allen Ordway, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ordway, of Franklin, have passed their final examinations for the navy, and have been assigned for service to the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va.

WORKERS START FOR RED CROSS

Meeting Held On Tues. Night And Plans Completed

An enthusiastic meeting of the Red Cross officials and workers was held in the American Legion hall on Tuesday evening at a get-together supper.

Final instructions and supplies were given the workers for the drive which opened in Franklin and Macon county Wednesday morning and will continue through the remainder of November.

Following the supper the meeting was presided over by the Rev. Harry S. Williams, chairman. A skit on "Why She Didn't Go to the Dance" was given by Miss Doris Penland and Miss Osteen Roberts, portraying the needs of hygiene.

Mrs. Elsie G. Franks, county welfare officer, made a brief talk on the Red Cross in connection with social welfare work. She stressed the cooperation that she has received through the county commissioners, the churches, the Lions and the Rotary Clubs, as well as other civic organizations in the county. She also pointed out the great assets that federal funds had been to Macon county.

Mrs. Robert R. Games, public health nurse for Macon county, spoke briefly on the services rendered by the Red Cross through the health department.

Thirty-one certificates were awarded to the class in home hygiene, and at present she has a class of 22 members at Highlands. Much of her work is carried on through these connections, she reported.

Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, Junior Red Cross chairman, told of this work in connection with the Red Cross chapters, reporting that she has sent letters to the majority of the teachers in Macon county asking them to enroll their pupils 100 per cent. She has had replies from 29 teachers who are already 100 per cent.

Mrs. Frank Potts, of the Highlands Chapter, told of the interest manifested in the work in Highlands, and how, through the aid of the Red Cross, the social welfare and other organizations, a small boy of that community who had been critically ill, had been greatly benefited.

W. H. Cobb, recently appointed chairman of the Highlands Chapter, made a short talk on their work.

Harley R. Cabe, chairman of the Macon county chapter, appointed a nominating committee consisting of Sam W. Mendenhall, chairman; W. H. Cobb and Mrs. Lester S. Conley. They plan to announce the new officers within a short time.

Dr. Walter E. Furr, the principal speaker of the evening, spoke on the present crisis. He challenged the workers to enroll every adult man and woman in Macon county in this Red Cross drive. He told of his knowledge of how the Red Cross aided the refugees during the world war, and of his experience in the war.

Library Receives Many New And Valuable Books

Approximately 1,200 new books have been put on the shelves during the last six weeks, reports Mrs. Thomas J. Johnston, librarian of the Franklin public library. All these books—most of them part of the number given to the library by Mrs. Angie Cox—have been shellacked, catalogued and numbered by Mrs. Johnston and her assistants.

The books include some of the latest best sellers and many standard and reference books used by teachers and students of the town and county schools.

The library is open five days in the week, Tuesday through Saturday, from 12 noon to 5 p. m.

Methodist Pastor To Preach To Children

Children are to be given special recognition at the 11 o'clock service next Sunday morning at the Franklin Methodist church. The pastor will preach for them a sermon based on the text: "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me."

The sermon truth will be demonstrated by the use of colored chemicals making the message so simple that even kindergarten children will be able to understand it.

Parents are urged to come and attend this service with their children. Adults will find the message applicable to their lives also.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

WAR SUMMARY FOR PAST WEEK

Intensified action on sea and in air has taken heavy toll of both neutrals and belligerents in the war zone during the past week.

Twenty ships have been sunk following Germany's losing of mines in the North Sea. The sinking of 7,900-ton Dutch liner Simon Bolivar last Saturday was as great a disaster as the sinking of the Athenia. 140 of the 540 on board lost their lives.

Hitler's earlier threat of a new weapon has materialized in the magnetic mines which are sown near the surface of the sea and which explode when attracted by the steel hulls of vessels passing above them. Other floating mines that have done damage and also that have been washed ashore are believed to have been torn from their moorings in a recent storm. There are reports that the British navy will introduce wooden ships as mine sweepers to remove the German magnetic mines.

The admiralty announced today that a "wild" mine sunk the British destroyer Gipsy on Tuesday in the North Sea with the loss of about 40 lives.

Two Nazi submarines were sunk

by one French torpedo boat. A Nazi warplane was shot down by Dutch pursuit planes while flying over Holland.

Heavy toll of German war planes is reported on the western front. Allied planes, including American Curtiss pursuit ships have brought down eight German planes in 48 hours, it was announced.

Air raid warnings have sounded in Britain and also in Paris. German planes have been shot down over Great Britain. Both Allied and German reconnaissance planes have been active over enemy area.

Great Britain has announced a "reprisal" blockade of German exports, whether carried by Nazi or neutral vessels.

Germany has announced the arrest and confession of Georg Elser, as the one who placed the bomb in the Munich beer cellar in an attempt on Hitler's life. Also arrested were two British secret agents, Best and Stevens, accused of complicity and of organizing plots in Germany. Evidence against the three by the secret police has not yet been made public. An American citizen, Helmuth Hirsch, executed in Germany two years ago on charges of high treason,

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