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DEATH CLAIMS JAMES T. MOORE

Widely Known Merchant Passes Monday Afternoon

James Telanus Moore, 89, died at his home one mile north of Franklin Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. He had been ill for two weeks, but a stroke of apoplexy early Monday morning was the immediate cause of death.

Mr. Moore was a son of Thomas P. and Elizabeth Higgins Moore, who moved to this county from Rutherford county when he was an infant. His parents first settled at Iotla, but later purchased the home where Mr. Moore has lived since he was two years of age. He would have been 90 years old on May 24.

Mr. Moore was the oldest merchant in Franklin. He began clerking in different stores here when he was 22 years old, and in 1890 went into business for himself. He retired in 1932 and has since devoted himself to various interests around his home.

Was Widely Known

James T. Moore was widely known throughout Macon county and Western North Carolina as a man of sterling integrity, whose word was good and whose dealings were straightforward at all times. He was one among the oldest members of the Franklin Methodist church and a charter member of the Franklin lodge of the Junior Order. He took an active interest in all civic matters and did much toward the growth of Franklin.

On April 1, 1880, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Mattie Sherrill, of Robbinsville, and had lived until April 1, they would have celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Franklin Methodist church. The Rev. I. E. Roberts, pastor, was in charge, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church. Interment was in the Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Wade Arvey, Walter W. McConnell, Truman Moody, Lester S. Conley, Henry W. Cabe and George Dean.

Surviving, besides the widow, are four children, two daughters, Mrs. Lily Pierson, of Highlands, and Miss Mary Jo Moore, of Franklin; two sons, W. T. and John Moore, of Franklin; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was largely attended and there were many beautiful floral offerings.

RAY WILL HEAD FINNISH DRIVE

J. Frank Ray, of Franklin, has been appointed chairman of the Finnish relief campaign for Macon county by Hon. J. C. B. Eringhaus, of Raleigh, former governor of North Carolina, who is state chairman.

North Carolinians are expected to contribute \$50,000 to the fund, and headquarters have been established in Raleigh from which the campaign will be directed.

Former President Herbert Hoover is at the head of the national organization, and has already dispatched \$600,000 to the Finnish government. This money was all contributed by American citizens.

These contributions are for civilian relief—food, clothing, fuel and medical supplies for those whose breadwinners are at the front, and for the women, children and invalids who have been moved from the cities to escape Russian bombing raids.

Mr. Ray states that he will place contribution boxes in business houses in Macon county and will also solicit funds by subscription list and will use every effort to make this county stand well up in the list in the amount of money contributed to this worthy cause.

Contributions may be sent or handed to Mr. Ray or left at the office of The Franklin Press or given to any member of the Macon county post of the American Legion, and the money will be promptly forwarded to headquarters. Make checks payable to Finnish Relief Fund, Macon County.

The Press will gladly print the names of all contributors and will publish any matter sent in which will aid the campaign.

Many Attend Opening Of New Theatre Last Sunday

The benefit performances sponsored by the Franklin Lions Club which opened the beautiful new Macon Theatre last Sunday afternoon and evening were largely attended and netted a nice sum for the blind aid fund of the club.

All who attended were lavish in their praise of the comfort, beauty and convenience of the new playhouse. It undoubtedly ranks with the best in the state, and is better than can be found in many towns much larger than Franklin.

The management is scheduling pictures of the highest class, and many of them are shown here before they are run in the nearby cities of Asheville and Atlanta. The new sound equipment, artistic lighting effects, good music and gorgeous curtains add greatly to the enjoyment of the performances; and the new theatre will no doubt be more popular than the old with the people of the county and the summer visitors.

The performances last Sunday were given after a majority of the town board had signified their approval, though the board took no official action in the matter. There is no ordinance in Franklin at the present time prohibiting Sunday moving pictures, and it was stated that the program last Sunday was in no sense an effort to start the showing of commercial moving pictures on the Sabbath.

NEW OWNERS AT SCOTT GRIFFIN

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bryson Take Charge And Change Name

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bryson, of Spruce Pine, who purchased the Scott Griffin hotel a year ago, took charge today (February 1). The name of the hotel will be changed to Hotel Bryson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryson are experienced in the hotel business, having successfully operated hotels in Alabama and at Spruce Pine. They have many friends among former patrons, both traveling men and summer tourists, which will be an asset, not only to the hotel but to Franklin. They propose to sustain the same high standard of service and efficiency that won for them success and popularity in their other hotels. Some of their former employees have accompanied them to Franklin for work in their new hotel. An entirely new personnel of trained workers has been employed.

In coming to Franklin, both Mr. and Mrs. Bryson are returning to their native county. Mr. Bryson is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Bryson, of West's Mill. Mrs. Bryson is the former Miss Laura Wild, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Posey Wild, of Burningtown, and sister of Mrs. Frank Jarrett, of Jarrett Springs hotel, at Dillsboro.

The hotel, built in 1926, contains 30 rooms on the second and third floors of the building. The first floor is occupied by the hotel lobby, Perry's Drug Store, People's Market and the City Barber Shop.

Extensive alterations and improvements are planned for the interior of the building by the new owners. The rooms will be redecorated and six additional shower baths installed. A small laundry will be operated on the roof garden for the hotel linen.

Mrs. C. S. Brown, whose efficient management of the Scott Griffin since 1928 has won well earned success, will remain in Franklin and devote her time to the management of the People's Market, a business that she purchased from Cecil Pendergrass about a year and a half ago.

Box Supper For Finnish Relief Fund

A box supper and cake walk will be given at the agricultural building Friday, February 9, for the benefit of the Finnish relief fund. Chairman Frank Ray has announced. Music will be furnished by the Anderson-Carpenter string band.

There will be no admission charge. All ladies are requested to bring boxes and cakes. Cakes will be auctioned off for the prettiest girl. Everybody come and have a good time.

Much-needed moisture counteracted some of the damage to citrus fruit crops in the Rio Grande valley caused by recent freezing weather.

Snow Scene on Harrison Avenue



Looking west on Harrison Avenue towards Trimont mountain. Home of Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, (left); Ashe home (right). Post cards of the two snow scenes in this issue will be on sale by Crisp's Studio.

Miss Buena Dryman, 69 Passes Tuesday Afternoon

Miss Buena Vista Dryman, 69, died at her home near Otto Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock. She had been in ill health for the past year, but an attack of pneumonia which developed Sunday was the immediate cause of death.

Miss Dryman was born on August 15, 1870, and spent her entire life in the Smithbridge township. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George N. Dryman, and since her father's death she and her two maiden sisters, have continued to live at the Dryman old home place. She was a member of Asbury Methodist church.

Funeral services were held at Asbury church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the pastor, Rev. J. C. Swain in charge. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Joe Bradley, Claude Cabe, Harve Wiggins, Ras Cabe, Claude Bradley, and Harley Bradley.

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Mary Dryman and Miss Lillie Dryman, a twin sister.

The road leading to the highway from the Dryman residence was in such bad condition, due to snow and ice, that the hearse could not enter, and a tractor had to be used to draw a wagon containing the casket for three-fourths of a mile to the pavement.

Special Stamp Series To Be Issued Soon

T. W. Porter, postmaster, has announced the early issuance of a special series of stamps in the Authors' group that will be of special interest to collectors. The Franklin office will have these stamps for sale as follows: 1-cent, Washington Irving; 2-cent, James Fenimore Cooper, on sale January 30; 3-cent, Ralph Waldo Emerson; 5-cent, Louisa May Alcott; on sale February 6; 10-cent, Samuel Clemens, on February 14.

The postoffice department of the government requests the cooperation of local educational authorities in planning programs and activities in the schools dealing with the life stories and accomplishments of these notable Americans that are receiving recognition in this special series of postage stamps.

As The World Turns

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

BATTLE OF WORDS

On January 31 the three war leaders, Chamberlain of Great Britain, Daladier of France and Hitler of Germany, spoke over the air to their own people and to the world.

Chamberlain sought to win the sympathy of neutrals. "It is Germany," he said, "who threatens the existence of states too small and weak or too near them... we have never sunk a neutral ship."

Hitler made vague threats, stating, "England and France will get the fight they asked for."

Daladier told the French nation

Oldest Merchant



JAMES T. MOORE
Greatly Esteemed Citizen of Franklin Who Died Monday Afternoon

W. P. Beaupre Passes Here At Home Of Daughter

Walter Pease Beaupre, 95, died Monday, January 29, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Viola Carr, on Riverview street, after a few weeks' illness.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. C. F. Rogers officiating. Interment in the Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Charles Melichar, James L. Averell, Harley Dunbar, T. T. Hall, John Hamer and J. R. Bradley.

Surviving are his widow; one son, J. O. Beaupre, of Delta, La.; two daughters, Mrs. M. M. Costello, of San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. Viola Carr, of Franklin, and five grandchildren.

Mr. Beaupre was born in Chiltensburg, Ontario, Canada, and came to Franklin with Mrs. Beaupre a few months ago from his home in Delta, La., to reside with his daughter, Mrs. Carr, who is an employee of the Nantahala forest service.

J. O. Beaupre has been with his parents and sister during the illness and death of his father.

Cold Weather Causes Low Water In River

During the extreme cold weather of last week, when the thermometer went below zero on several days, and as low as 17 below on one day, the Little Tennessee river and all of its tributaries above Franklin became so frozen that the flow of water in the river dropped to a very low volume.

"On January 25, the flow in the river at Lake Emory, at the Franklin power plant of the Nantahala Power and Light company dropped to about 80 cubic feet per second," according to Joel Tompkins, engineer of the company. "This is the lowest flow recorded by the company since it acquired the plant from the town of Franklin in 1933. This flow was so low that there was enough water to just turn one water wheel, without making any power. For nine hours that day the power plant produced no power at all, and during this time, the entire supply of power to Franklin and vicinity was brought in over the transmission lines of the company from the large plants at Santeetlah and Tapoco. If the connection with these large plants had not been available, it would have been necessary to cut off all electric service in Franklin and vicinity for at least several hours that day," Mr. Tompkins stated.

Continuing, Mr. Tompkins told a representative of The Press that on several other days during the cold spell the river dropped to this same low flow but did not stay low as long. However, the flow was too low to supply enough electricity for Franklin and vicinity, except during hours late at night, so that a considerable portion of the necessary electricity was brought in over the transmission lines of the company.

During the extreme dry weather of the past few months, the river has been too low on many occasions to make enough electricity to supply the load, but even during the driest months, the river was not as low as during the recent sub-zero weather.

The lake was covered with ice. At the bridge in Franklin, the river was covered with 4 to 5 inches, and ice skating was enjoyed by a number of people.

There were epidemics of disease among the cattle as evidenced by an entry made by Jacob Siler in April, 1857, which records that cattle are still dying, and one-fifth of the cattle in the county have died, some people losing all they had.

On April 24, 1860, Mr. Siler entered the record of an earthquake felt in Macon county, which he compared to the shaking of the earth during the war of 1812.

Another entry made on October 18, 1879, states that the water was higher than at any time since 1840, and that it ran through the bridge at Franklin.

The various entries in the old book make the past live again, and show that our claims of record-breaking weather are all wrong, for it has happened before.

Solving problems of the 130 million acres of commercial forest land owned by farmers is claiming the utmost attention of federal and state agencies.

Estimated Colored Man Dies In Goldsboro

M. D. Billings recently received a telegram announcing the death in Goldsboro of R. B. Watts, former principal of Chapel school. Prof. Watts retired two years ago on account of ill health. He was much beloved by his pupils, a wise leader of the colored people of Macon county and held in high regard by all. Interment was held in North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Brown Will Have Auction At Hotel

Mrs. C. S. Brown, who has given up management of the Scott Griffin has a surplus of household necessities that she is going to sell at auction on Saturday afternoon in the pool room of the hotel.

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MAN SAWS OUT OF MACON JAIL

Tom Williams Cuts Bars And Gets Down On Blanket Rope

Tom Williams, of the Betty's Creek section, who was being held in the county jail to await trial at the April term of superior court on a charge of slaying Miss Edna Hodgins, 18, last December 24, escaped from jail before daylight Tuesday morning.

John Dills, deputy sheriff, who lives in the jail building, did not learn of the escape, he said, until about 8 o'clock when some one on the outside drew his attention to a blanket rope that extended from a second floor window to near the ground.

Williams had obtained saws from some source, had sawed two iron bars, and let himself down from the window by an improvised rope made from blankets.

Deputy Sheriff Dills and other officers began a widespread search for the escaped prisoner, but he was still at large Wednesday.

Williams is alleged to have fatally wounded Miss Hodgins during a disturbance at his home.

Miss Hodgins, who had been engaged by the Williams family to do house work, became frightened by the disturbance, grabbed Williams' three-year-old child and rushed into the yard. Williams allegedly pursued her and, as she ran around a barn, fired at her, the bullet striking her in the right side and penetrating the abdomen. She died in Angel hospital Tuesday night, December 26.

IT WAS COLD HERE IN 1887

Old Record Shows Low Of 17 Degrees In That Year

A very interesting historical record was loaned to The Press Tuesday by Mrs. Joe Setser, of Cartoogechaye. It is a diary started by Mrs. Setser's great-grandfather, Jacob Siler, in 1842, and records the extremes of weather and local happenings in the Cartoogechaye community. He kept the record from 1842 to 1869, and it was taken up by Mrs. Mary Slagle Gray in 1876 and carried to 1927, when Mrs. Setser took it over and has kept it up to date.

Some years are missing, but the book contains many reports of extreme weather which have a peculiar interest at the present time when old citizens are recalling the cold seasons they have known.

One entry tells of a great snow which began on December 10, 1876, and which was still on the ground on December 24 when another came, and this was followed on January 1, 1877, by a fall of 15 inches, which made the snow 26 inches deep. This entry also states that the mercury reached 14 below on January 4.

The next low temperature was recorded on January 11, 1886, when the thermometer read 10 below. Again on January 16, 1887, there is an entry of 17 below, which was the reading here last Friday morning.

On February 14, 1899, there is a report of 6 below, and a pasted clipping shows that it was 15 below in Asheville and 16 in Waynesville.

Many heavy snows are mentioned through the years, much heavier than have been known in recent times.

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