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DEATH CLAIMS MRS. PATTON, 70

Highly Esteemed Lady
Passes Wednesday;
Funeral Today

Mrs. Addie Eugenie Patton, 70, died at her home on Franklin Route 1, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock after an illness of several weeks.

A native of Macon county, she was the daughter of the late Lafayette and Carolyn Russell McDowell. She was a member of the Patton Chapel Methodist church.

Mrs. Patton's husband, James Thaddeus Patton, died several years ago.

The funeral services were held this (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock at the Patton Chapel Methodist church. The pastor, the Rev. J. C. Swain, was in charge, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit. Burial was in the church cemetery. Nephews were pallbearers.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Dock T. Limer and Mrs. Leona P. Duncan of Franklin Route 1, and Mrs. John L. Huggins of Franklin Route 4; two sons, Thad L. and Lawrence M. of Franklin Route 1; two sisters, Mrs. Zeb Sellers and Mrs. Arie Moore of the Prentiss section, and seven grandchildren.

TOWNSHIP FARM MEETINGS HELD

By T. H. FAGG
Assistant County Agent

A series of township demonstration program planning meetings are being held in Macon county. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the problems that are outstanding in each particular community or township and to try to eliminate these problems by the farmers and their wives exchanging ideas and planning their work for 1940 for the best interest of their individual farms and communities.

Some of the outstanding problems discussed in these meetings were: lack of adequate pastures, farm income, community organization, markets, conveniences in home, beautification of yards, poor soil, and gardens.

In practically every community the farmers plan to seed and fertilize at least one acre of pasture properly, to plant winter cover crops for late fall and early spring grazing in order to keep cattle off of permanent pastures as much as possible, and give the grass there a chance to get started. They also plan to grow more hay to supplement their pastures.

Increasing farm income was another problem of much interest in all communities. The suggested remedy for this problem in practically every community was to follow a more diversified type of farming, receiving small incomes from a larger number of items, rather than depending on just one or two items for their total income.

Results from these meetings are already being noted in the homes. One demonstration farmer has already purchased a water pump and is planning to have water in his home in the near future. Another is installing a gravity water system in his home. Several others have indicated that they plan to install gravity systems in their homes during the year. Other improvements such as cabinets in the kitchen, pressure cookers, etc., have been reported.

One community is particularly interested in having a community organization of farmers and their wives which would meet once a month to discuss their problems and enjoy a social hour together. This same community is also very much interested in securing electricity. They plan to contact the local power company and try to secure electric power for their homes and farms.

Plans were also discussed in these meetings for improvements of gardens by planting a larger variety of vegetables and growing an ample supply for canning as well as for summer consumption.

Farmers and their wives attending these meetings were very cooperative and enthusiastic in planning for better farms and homes for 1940.

Methodist

Loyalty Services Sunday
Well Attended

The Sunday services of the Methodist Loyalty campaign were well attended.

The subject of the sermon of the pastor, Rev. I. L. Roberts, announced previously, was "Can the Living Communicate With the Dead?"

Taking as his text Deuteronomy 18:10, 11, 12, where God instructed the Israelites against necromancy as an "abomination unto the Lord". The preacher warned against all who claimed power to communicate with the dead, impressing the positive teaching of the Christian faith.

The following Sunday school classes made the honor roll: Mrs. Gordon Moore, R. S. Jones, Mrs. W. W. Sloan and Mrs. P. F. Callahan.

The subject of next Sunday's sermon by the pastor will be "Dead Church Members, More Than 75". Answers will be given to the questions, "Who are they? Why are they dead?"

All who have their names on the church roll are urged to be present and to support the Loyalty Campaign.

MRS. DOWNS, 102 PASSES FRIDAY

Oldest Resident Of Macon
County Dies In
Hospital

Mrs. Mary Downs, who would have been 103 years old in May, died last Friday morning at 3 o'clock in Angel hospital following an illness lasting several weeks. Her death was attributed to senile gangrene of the foot.

Mrs. Downs was active until December 7 when she took to her bed suffering with a pain in her foot thought to have been caused by frostbite.

She was taken to Angel hospital January 25 where her trouble was pronounced to be gangrene. Dr. Edgar Angel thought her foot might have to be amputated but on account of her advanced age and condition decided not to operate.

Mrs. Downs, the former Miss Mary Garrett, was born and reared in Macon county. She married Bud Downs, of Iota, Macon county, and lived near Iota bridge.

Last year Mrs. Downs tended a garden, canned fruits, looked after her chickens and a cow and did all her housework up to December 7. She lived alone for the past 15 years and did all of her work except at times when her son-in-law, George Brendle, helped her. She taught school earlier in life. She was a member of the Iota Methodist church.

She is survived by two grandchildren, Mrs. Dora Valentine, of Sylva, and John Brendle, of Reems Creek, Jackson county. Several great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Hall cemetery in the Rose Creek section. The Rev. R. F. Mayberry, pastor of Iota Baptist church, and the Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, were in charge of the services.

Baseball Meeting Held Wednesday Night

At a meeting held Wednesday night, preliminary steps were taken toward the organization of the Franklin baseball team for the coming season.

Ray Swanson was elected manager and secretary; P. F. Callahan, treasurer, and Frank Higdon, Jr., publicity director.

A committee composed of T. W. Angel, Jr., Harve Bryant and Ralph Womack, was appointed to work out a plan for selling advertising on the fence surrounding the park.

Prospects look good for a winning team and a successful season, and all who are interested in getting into the game are asked to contact Ray Swanson, Frank Higdon, Jr., Ralph Womack or any other member of the team. All prospective players will be given a cordial welcome.

Mrs. John Owens Burned To Death In Florida

John H. Thomas received a message last week from John Owens, of Lachua, Fla., telling of the death of Mrs. Owens, who was burned to death on January 28. Mr. and Mrs. Owens formerly made their home in the Hickory Knoll section of Macon county and have many relatives and friends who will deeply regret to learn of the accident.

PLANNING NEW SCOUT HOUSE

NYA Project Considered
Best Way To Get
Building

Rev. J. A. Flanagan, speaking for the Boy Scout committee of the Rotary Club, sponsor of the Franklin Troop, stated Monday that a new scout house was planned for the immediate future.

On account of the unsafe condition of the roof and flooring of the present building, Mr. Flanagan said that a new building—rather than repairs to the old scout house—was a necessity, and that an NYA project appeared to be the most feasible method of getting the building. A possible site mentioned was the lower end of the lot belonging to the county on Palmer street where it is proposed to place the community building that has been approved as a WPA project.

Mr. Flanagan, chairman of the finance committee, reported that a total of \$198.50 had been raised for the Daniel Boone Council headquarters, Macon county, in the Smoky Mountain district, comprising also the counties of Jackson and Swain.

In this area the annual report of A. W. Allen, scout executive of the Daniel Boone Council, Asheville, estimates that there are 2,718 boys 12 to 16 years of age, which are the Boy Scout age limits. Out of this number of possible scouts, there are 129 members in seven troops. There are two troops in Macon county, the Franklin troop, numbering 35 boys and the Highlands troop with 12 boys.

Mr. Flanagan stated that there are two localities in the county at this time where new troops could be organized if leaders could be found—one at Iota and another at Clark's Chapel. The consolidated schools promise to remove one handicap to scouting on account of the scattered homes and distances in the rural communities. Mr. Flanagan added; also that the large area of the Daniel Boone Council, reaching from Avery to Cherokee, limited services from headquarters.

Mr. Flanagan referred to the primary need for scout leaders saying that announcement has been made by Dean W. E. Bird of the Western Carolina Teachers' college, Cullowhee, that a credit course is being offered in Scoutmastership at the college.

The scout committee appointed by the Rotary Club is as follows: Ben W. Woodruff, chairman; J. A. Flanagan, Sam Mendenhall, James Perry, Jess Conley, Oscar Bryant and John Archer. James Hauser and Rev. Frank Bloxham are scout leaders of the Franklin Troop; G. W. Edwards and Lewis Edwards of the Highlands Troop.

Mrs. Roosevelt's plane from Florida was landed in Raleigh last Sunday night, because of weather conditions. With other passengers she boarded a train to Washington.

As The World Turns

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

DARING FEAT FOR LARGEST SHIP

The Queen Elizabeth, largest merchant ship in the world, docked today in New York harbor after a daring maiden voyage across the Atlantic. Camouflaged in dark gray, the great liner crept out of her basin at Clydebank, Scotland, making the perilous journey in utmost secrecy, braving attack from mines, bombers and submarines. She will lie alongside the Queen Mary, next largest vessel, and the French liner, Normandie, third largest, for the duration of the war.

The vessel cost nearly 29 million dollars and is 1030 feet long.

GERMANS CAPTURE PRISONERS

Germans claim to have captured 16 prisoners and killed 20 British when shock troops stormed a British dugout in the Moselle sector yesterday in the first serious encounter with the enemy. The British war office reports a much smaller number missing.

FINNS FIGHTING DESPERATELY

Savage fighting rages across the ice of the bay of Viipuri, as the Finns are forced back to new po-

TEACHERS WILL HAVE BANQUET

Event To Climax Active
Campaign For School
Improvements

The Public Relations committee of the Macon county chapter of the North Carolina Educational Association is sponsoring a program for the observance of "Public Relations Week" which began March 4.

The banquet announced last week will have for the principal speaker Dr. J. Henry Highsmith of Raleigh, state director of instructional service in the state department of Public Instruction. The date, which will be set to suit Dr. Highsmith's convenience, has not yet been announced.

The banquet will be attended by the teachers of the county and invited guests representing all public offices and agencies and others, and will be the climax of the committee's program. The Parent-Teacher Association of the Franklin schools will serve the banquet in the auditorium of Franklin high school and more than 200 persons will attend.

Miss Charlotte Young is chairman of the Public Relations committee and is being assisted by Mrs. Helen Macon, president of the county chapter of N. C. E. A., and W. H. Finley, vice-president and publicity chairman.

The observance of Public Relations Week fires the first gun in an active, statewide campaign to effect legislative action that will provide certain improvements in the state's educational program. To accomplish this, the public relations committees are seeking to develop a better understanding of the schools by the public which owns them and pays for them.

The provisions that will be sought at the next term of the legislature will be a proper retirement scheme for public school teachers and proper tenure of office statutes.

The following resolution was passed at a recent meeting of the Western North Carolina Educational Association in Asheville:

"Be it resolved that we, the teachers of the Western District, believe that the undivided effort, influence and energy of the North Carolina Educational Association should be directed toward the enactment by the next General Assembly of a sound and adequate plan of teachers' retirement. It is recommended that every unit of the Association direct its immediate attention to this matter and, realizing that this program will be won or lost in the June primaries rather than the following January, each unit and each teacher be urged to demand of every legislative candidate his unqualified pledge for the support of legislation providing for a sound, comprehensive and adequate plan for teachers' retirement."

The ministers of local churches have been requested by the committee to call attention in their Sunday services to the need for better schools and better educational opportunity for the children of the county.

Federation

Stockholders Held Annual
Meeting Saturday

Jerry Franklin and Ed Byrd were nominated to succeed themselves as directors of the Farmers Federation at the annual meeting of Macon county stockholders in the cooperative's Franklin warehouse Saturday morning. Mr. Franklin is a general director, one of two for the county who serve overlapping terms of two years, and Mr. Byrd is a director-at-large. An advisory committee for the local warehouse was re-elected. It is composed of:

Carl Slagle, chairman; Elias Ammons, John J. Corbin, Ed Byrd, J. R. Holbrooks, James Young, J. I. Vinson, J. S. Conley, Jerry Franklin, Lawrence Ramsey.

Mr. Slagle presided at the meeting. Reports on the cooperative's activities during the past year were submitted by James G. K. McClure, of Asheville, president.

Sam Mendenhall, county agent, who spoke briefly on the soil conservation program, said that since 1936 the number of Macon county farmers participating in the program had increased from 615 to 1,433 in 1939. Even a larger number of cooperating farmers is anticipated this year, he said.

As a result of the increasing popularity of the program, Mr. Mendenhall, added, thousands of acres have been planted in soil-improving crops, more and more farmers are using lime and phosphate, and the fertility of the county's farms is undergoing a much needed rejuvenation.

Plans were discussed for raising funds to place a jack at service in the county in connection with the federation's workstock improvement program, but it was decided to defer action until next fall as the time for breeding was too near.

MRS. SELLERS, 83 DIES THURSDAY

Old Resident Of County
Passes; Funeral To
Be Held Friday

Mrs. Hester Ann Rogers Sellers, 83, died at her home on Franklin Route 4, this (Thursday) morning at 5 o'clock following an illness of three months. Death was caused from heart ailment and complications.

Mrs. Sellers, a native of Macon county, was born on October 7, 1856, and lived all her life in this county. She was a daughter of the late Thornton and Margaret Reid Rogers. On September 19, 1873, she was married to Reagan Dewitt Sellers. She was a member of the Baptist church and a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society. She was a devoted mother, and splendid neighbor, who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be held at the home of her son, Wiley Sellers, with whom she made her home, on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, and the Rev. Frank Bloxham, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church, will be in charge of the services. Interment will be in the Franklin cemetery.

Surviving are seven children, five daughters, Mrs. H. L. Anderson, of Franklin; Mrs. E. V. Ammons, of Franklin Route 4; Mrs. Ida McConnell, of Oregon; Mrs. Charles B. Bolick and Mrs. Crayton Maffett, both of Washington, D. C., and two sons, Wiley Sellers, of Franklin Route 4, and Joe Sellers, of Oregon; one brother, Dr. W. A. Rogers, of Franklin; one sister, Mrs. George Hazelton, of Oakland, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Baptist W. M. U. To Meet At Mt. Hope

The quarterly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist societies will be held at the Mt. Hope Baptist church on Cartoogechaye on Sunday afternoon, March 10.

The program is scheduled to begin at 2:30 o'clock. The chief aims of the Woman's Missionary Union will be the topic of discussion, and the plans for the year's work will be made at this time.

Each church in the county is urged to have a large delegation of members, as well as the young people, present at the meeting.

A move to amend the Hatch bill to restore to federal employees the right to indulge in political activities was defeated in the senate yesterday by a vote of 44 to 41.

SPRING TERM JURORS DRAWN

List Of Those Who Will
Serve At April Term
Superior Court

The board of county commissioners met in the regular monthly session Monday and handled a number of routine matters which were presented for consideration, mostly approval of bills and adjustment of tax claims.

At the close of the session the commissioners drew the names of jurors who will serve at the April term of Macon superior court, which will convene Monday, April 15. They are as follows:

First Week
J. D. Keener, Route 2; W. J. McCall, Franklin; Lawrence Cochran, Kyle; T. C. Vinson, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Joe Tallent, Route 3; Lyle Baldwin, Kyle; R. L. Crawford, Route 3; W. M. Dalrymple, Route 1; J. C. Higdon, Route 4; Oakley Justice, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; John C. Dills, Cullasaja; Claude Beeco, Route 4; John Early, Cullasaja; W. J. Lahey, Jr., Etna; Charles W. Nolen, Route 1; E. C. Shook, Highlands; Thomas H. Queen, Etna; Fred Ammons, Route 2; N. J. Hylton, Route 3; E. B. Beck, Route 1; B. B. Lenoir, Jr., Route 1; W. R. Shields, Flats; J. D. Gibson, Route 1; Will Talley, Route 4; N. B. L. Downs, Route 4; W. R. Potts, Highlands; Marion Deal, Route 4; R. H. Bennett, Route 3; W. M. Grant, Nantahala; P. G. Holland, Cullasaja; Tom Ballew, Route 2; Ed O'Dell, Route 3; George Peck, Route 2; Ed Henson, Otto; Jim Teem, Cullasaja; Vance Vanhook, Route 2.

Second Week
G. R. Ledford, Route 2; C. B. Owenby, Flats; Lyman Ledbetter, Route 1; Gordon Ammons, Prentiss; Jack Sanders, Franklin; W. Roy Carpenter, Franklin; H. H. McDowell, Otto; John Wooten, Route 1; J. L. Clark, Cullasaja; J. B. Burleson, Franklin; Geo. H. Rogers, Highlands; B. W. Justice, Route 4; L. B. Norton, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; J. R. Ramsey, Tellico; Lee Corn, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Earl Dryman, Sealy; Frank Cross, Flats; Lease Bryson, Cullasaja.

Dr. Rogers Urged To Run For Legislature

We understand that many citizens are urging Dr. W. A. Rogers to announce himself as a candidate for the Legislature in the approaching primaries.

Having served Macon county in this capacity for six previous terms, besides holding the office of county chairman of the Democratic committee continuously for 32 years, his friends hope he will be willing to again offer this service to his county.

Mrs. Margaret Mallonee Dies In Arlington, Wash.

Mrs. James L. Bryson, of West's Mill, received a message Tuesday telling of the death of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Mallonee, of Arlington, Wash. Mrs. Mallonee, 95, received a broken hip in a fall on February 23. She died on Monday, March 4.

Mrs. Mallonee was born in Macon county on August 23, 1844. She married Adam Mallonee, also of Macon county, and to this union was born eight children, seven of whom survive.

She resided in Macon and Jackson counties until 1923 when she left for Arlington, Wash.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. James L. Bryson, of West's Mill, and Mrs. Nannie Cowan, of Arlington, Wash., with whom the deceased resided; five sons, Joe Mallonee, of Addie, Jackson county; John Mallonee, of Almond, Swain county; Jess Mallonee, of Yakima, Wash.; and David and Ben Mallonee, of Darrington, Wash.; 25 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be held in Arlington on Thursday. She was a member of the Methodist church.

Girl Scout Senior Patrol Met Monday

The Senior Patrol of the Girl Scouts met Monday in the Scout House with their new leader, Mrs. Ben McGlamery, and also their captain, Mrs. Charles Melichar. Plans for a party were discussed and rules to be used for future parties were decided upon. The one general rule which everyone who attends these parties must obey, is that everyone must be home by or before 11 o'clock.

All members are urged to be present promptly, for other plans will be made.