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CENSUS TAKING BEGINS APRIL 2

17 Enumerators To Take Count In Macon County

Enumerators in all the counties of all states will start to work next Tuesday morning, April 2, making the decennial count of the population and checking up on agriculture and housing.

Macon county has been divided into 17 enumeration areas and it is thought that the work will be finished in about three weeks, though 30 days are allowed for the count.

Macon county applicants for positions as enumerators have been taking a two-day training course which was conducted in Sylva for Macon and Jackson counties. The course started Wednesday morning and was concluded today (Thursday.) Only 14 appeared from this county on Wednesday, but it is understood that several other applicants reported today.

It was impossible to secure a list of Macon county enumerators for this issue, but it is hoped that the information will be forthcoming by next week.

Work To Begin Soon On New Asbury Church

The Rev. J. C. Swain, pastor of the Macon circuit, reports that plans for the new Asbury church building are progressing nicely, and that cutting of the timber will be begun by the first of the month.

The church is receiving from the Duke endowment for aid in building the church the sum of \$1,620 if the church meets the requirements of the Duke board. The total cost of the building will be \$4,000.

Mr. Swain announces that a special fifth Sunday service will be held at the church next Sunday, March 31, at 11 o'clock.

W. R. Cunningham Buys Farmers Exchange

W. R. Cunningham has purchased the interest of his partners, R. G. Ray, Lawrence Linder and B. A. Tucker, in the Farmers Exchange on Palmer street, and will continue the business at the same stand. The Farmers Exchange handles staple and fancy groceries, seeds, feed stuff and fertilizers.

Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. G. STORY

CHURCH NOTES

Highlands Baptist Church
Rev. J. G. Beasfield, Pastor
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Sermon.
7 p. m.—B. T. U.
8 p. m.—Sermon.

Highlands Presbyterian Church
Rev. R. B. DuPre, Pastor
10:15 a. m.—Church school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
7:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor

Highlands Methodist Church
Rev. J. S. Higgins, Pastor

Glenville:
10 a. m.—Worship.

Cashiers:
11 a. m.—Worship.

Clear Creek:
3 p. m.—Worship.

Church of the Incarnation
Rev. Frank Blouham, Rector
No service Sunday.

MACON THORNTON, 73 DIES IN FLORIDA

Macon Thornton, 73, who has been a home owner and summer resident of Highlands for the past 15 years, died at his home at Ormond Beach, Fla., on March 21, after a 10-day illness following a heart attack on March 11. Mr. Thornton was a veteran druggist of Ormond. He was elected to the Florida legislature in 1909, and Mayor of Ormond for several years. He was at one time president of the Florida Pharmaceutical association. He was a Mason, Shriner and a member of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Thornton will be greatly missed by his many Highlands friends.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Professor O. F. Sumner was re-elected president of the chamber of commerce at the annual meeting held at the school auditorium last Thursday night. C. E. Mitchell was

Three Announce For Commissioner



J. C. SORRELLS

Who Announces as a Candidate For Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



FRED W. PALMER

Who Seeks Nomination as a Member of the Board of Commissioners



FRED C. CONLEY

Who Has Entered the Race for Member of the Board of Commissioners

Special Service

Sunday Night For Rev. H. S. Williams

At the Franklin Methodist church on Sunday night at 7:30 a farewell service will be held to honor the Rev. H. S. Williams, who has been appointed by Bishop Clare Purcell from the Franklin Circuit to the Hillside Street Methodist church of Asheville.

Mr. Williams is to be the guest speaker of the evening. All churches and denominations of the community are invited to unite in this service. The Baptists and Presbyterians have expressed a desire to join in a service expressing appreciation for the service Mr. Williams has rendered during his pastorate. Many people from all the churches of the Macon, Louisa, and Franklin circuits are expected to attend the service, for Mr. Williams has a great many friends here.

The closing feature of the service will be a set of lantern slides showing scenes from China. These pictures will be a preparation for the Mission school which will be held on the three following nights.

All the Methodist churches of the county are cooperating and sharing the benefits of this school. The text book for study and discussion is, "Methodists United for Action," written by Dr. John R. Mott. The public is invited to attend.

3 IN RACE FOR COUNTY BOARD

J. C. Sorrells, F. C. Conley And F. W. Palmer Announce

On another page of this issue will be found the announcements of three candidates for the board of county commissioners, one of them being in the race for chairman.

J. C. Sorrells, of West's Mill, Cowee township, is the candidate for chairman of the board. Mr. Sorrells is a native of Buncombe county, but has lived in Macon for the past eight years. He is a cabinet maker by trade and has for some time been employed by TVA on the Hiwassee dam. He was educated in the Conklin, Tenn., high school and Washington college at Conklin. He is prominent in the religious affairs of his community.

Mr. Sorrells is a partner in the Potts cabinet shop and undertaking business, and plans to move to Franklin within a short time.

Fred W. Palmer, of Ellijay township, and Fred C. Conley, of Cartoogechaye township, announce for members of the board. Both of these men are farmers and prominent citizens of their communities. Both were born and raised in Macon county, and are familiar with the conditions and needs in the various sections.

"Mystery At Midnight" To Be Presented

A thrilling mystery comedy, sponsored by the Moose lodge, is to be presented April 5 and 6 at the courthouse auditorium with an all-star local talent cast. Miss McMinn, director, arrived in Franklin last week, and work started immediately on this brand-new, top-notch play. The cast, chosen from outstanding citizens, is well fitted for the play and proves that there is a wealth of talent here. The cast of characters will be announced in next week's issue of The Franklin Press.

In addition to the play proper, which is three acts of fun, laughs, and spooks, there are three choruses of singing and dancing girls who will be chosen from the high school. Costumes are designed especially for "Mystery at Midnight," and the songs are original and full of pep.

In connection with the play a contest is being staged for the ugliest man in the county. Vote-boxes and pictures with the names of the contestants will be placed in the stores of Franklin. Be sure to cast your vote. Only one cent each vote, and a prize goes to the winner.

Rev. H. S. Williams To Preach Farewell Sermon

The Rev. Harry S. Williams, who has been transferred to the Hillside Methodist church in Asheville, will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the lotia Methodist church. The public is invited to attend this service.

Box Supper At Holly Springs Saturday Night

It is announced that there will be a box supper and cake walk at the Holly Springs schoolhouse Saturday night, March 30, for the benefit of the Holly Springs athletic club. String music will be provided. Everybody is invited to attend.

Seventh Grade

Examination To Be Held April 13

Superintendent of Schools Guy L. Houk has announced that the annual seventh grade examination for admittance to high school will be held on Saturday, April 13.

The examination will be held on the same day in the three school districts of the county—Franklin, Highlands and Otter Creek.

All teachers have been notified, and it is expected that an unusually large number of children will be on hand for the test.

REV. WILLIAMS LEAVES APR. 1

Pastor Of The Franklin Circuit Goes To Asheville

Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor of the Franklin circuit, plans to leave about April 1, for his new charge, the Hillside Street church in Asheville. His hundreds of Macon county friends regret very much that he is to leave this section, but rejoice in his promotion.

Mr. Williams comes from a line of preachers. His father was a member of the Holston, Tenn., conference, and his mother is a daughter of the Rev. J. W. Leake, member of the North Georgia conference.

His brother is a member of the Holston conference, and is now associate pastor of Belmont Methodist church, Nashville, Tenn. A sister married the Rev. C. P. Hardin, who is pastor of the Brainerd church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Williams was educated at Emory and Henry college, Virginia, University of Tennessee and Emory University, Atlanta. He was licensed to preach in 1926, and served supply pastorates while in college. He was pastor of Wisdom Memorial church in Chattanooga and associate pastor of Highlands Park church in that city. He joined the Holston conference in 1935 and was transferred to the Western North Carolina conference in 1937.

Mr. Williams' mother, Mrs. L. J. Williams, who has lived with him here, will also live with him in Asheville.

The Rev. Philip L. Green, of the Asheville district, will succeed Mr. Williams on the Franklin circuit.

Great Progress Being Made On Street Work

The crews on the street building and improvement projects in Franklin are putting in good time and making great progress whenever the weather will permit.

The public square has been graded this week and prepared for paving, and the work on Church and lotia streets is going ahead rapidly. In addition, the project for widening, curbing and guttering on Harrison avenue will soon be under way, with the state highway department doing the paving. It is hoped that most of the work can be finished before the start of the summer season.

As The World Turns

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

WHITE EASTER

Last Sunday was the first "white Easter" that many had ever seen. Snow fell in Franklin from 6 a. m. to 4 p. m. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the 21st of March, which is the week of the Jewish passover. This year it was exceptionally early.

SUNSPOTS vs. RADIOS

The greatest magnetic storm ever recorded occurred on Sunday all over the United States. Radios went haywire, and from noon to 3 p. m. telegraphic wires were out of order. Telegraph companies lost thousands of dollars and Easter messages were delayed.

The cause is said to have been the position of sunspots that caused the earth to be heavily charged with electric currents that riddle man-made currents. Such disturbances are sometimes connected with the aurora borealis.

HOUSE RAISES FUNDS FOR CCC AND NYA FOR NEXT YEAR

The house reversed its economy

BOARD ORDERS REGISTRATION

New Books To Be Made For All Elections In County

The Macon county board of elections, consisting of R. S. Jones, Frank Potts and A. R. Higdon, met at the courthouse last Saturday, in accordance with the state election law. R. S. Jones was re-elected chairman, and the board adopted a resolution providing for a new registration for the county.

It has been many years since a registration was ordered in this county, and the old books contain so many names of people who have died or moved away that it had become almost impossible to make a correct list of voters when an election was to be held, so it was considered best to order a new registration.

There will be three books—a Democratic and a Republican book for primary elections, and a book containing the names of all who register for general elections. Independents will not be allowed to register in the primary books but may have their names placed on the general election list.

The board of elections will meet on April 6 for the purpose of appointing registrars and judges of election and making other necessary arrangements for the conduct of the primary.

The law requires that registration books shall be opened on April 27 in the various townships at the regular polling places at 9 a. m., and that they be closed on May 11. Citizens should bear in mind that this is a new registration for all the voters in the county, and every one who expects to vote should go to his township polling place between the dates above mentioned and get his name on the list.

Interest Continues In Methodist Crusade

Despite the cold and snow, a surprisingly large attendance was seen at the Methodist church last Sunday. The pastor preached about "Heathenism in the Churches," showing how certain doctrines of barbaric tribes have found their way into the minds of people to be accepted as though they came from the Bible.

The Loyalty Crusade will continue for five more Sundays. On next Sunday the topic will be, "Church Members Who Will Miss Heaven." The Scripture of exposition will be Matthew 25:31-41. This is to be a Question Sheet service.

Those who received the question sheets last Sunday are requested to answer the questions and return them to the service next Sunday morning.

All Methodists are being urged to attend this service, and others are cordially invited to come.

Franklin Band To Meet Wednesday Night

The Franklin band will meet for rehearsal next Wednesday night, April 3, at 7:30 o'clock, in Agricultural building. Every one interested please come out.

HOUSE GROUP APPROVES PLANE SALES TO ALLIES

The administration's new policy of releasing late model warplanes for export won the general approval of an inquiring house committee Wednesday, and American airplane manufacturers immediately prepared to handle prospective allied orders totalling \$1,000,000,000. Secretary of War Woodring told the house military committee that he had been under no coercion in connection with the new policy of permitting unlimited export of planes.

FINNS CHANGE CABINET

Finland shifted governmental gears from war to peacetime speed Wednesday by setting up a new cabinet devoted to reconstruction of the nation and its future development. (Continued on Page Six)