

This Newspaper Goes To Every Corner of Macon County

The Franklin Press

and The Highlands Maconian

PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL INDEPENDENT

VOL. LV, NO. 33

FRANKLIN, N. C. THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1940

\$1.50 PER YEAR

For 55 Years

The Franklin Press has been serving the people of Macon County.

COURT OPENS HERE MONDAY

Judge Wilson Warlick To Preside Over Two-Week Term

The August session of Macon county superior court will open for a two-week term this Monday morning, August 19. Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton will preside. Court officers said they expected the criminal docket to take up the first week, leaving the second week for the civil docket. The criminal docket this year is chiefly composed of misdemeanors, plus several felonies which include two arson cases and several charges of breaking and entering. Wayne Underwood of the Mulberry section, who was recently involved in a shooting scrape with Herbie Bradshaw, is due for a hearing on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Bradshaw is still at large, having escaped from jail here two weeks ago.

Farmers

Invited To Attend WNC Farm Meeting

Plans to have an extensive delegation of Macon county farmers present at the annual Western North Carolina Farm meeting at Boone, August 20-21, are now being promoted by S. W. Mendenhall, county farm agent. The farmers intend to leave the Agricultural building here by 9 o'clock Monday, August 19. This will give them an opportunity to visit farms in Watauga county Tuesday morning and see some of the outstanding beef cattle and pasture work that is being done there, Mr. Mendenhall stated. Transportation will be furnished for any farmers in Macon county who desire to make the trip. The total cost for room and meals in Boone will be only \$2.50. Sheets, blankets and necessary toilet articles should be taken by farmers making the trip. All farmers are invited and urged to take advantage of this opportunity of seeing the farming that is being done between Franklin and Boone as well as in Watauga county and of attending the annual farm meeting which will be both instructive and entertaining.

As The World Turns

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

War Summary

LONDON AND BERLIN

For a week intensified aerial warfare has been waged by Germany and Britain. In 14 hours of fighting of the greatest air battle of all time Britain last Friday beat back a mighty aerial invasion of more than 800 planes. Renewed assault continued each day and night with counter raids into Germany and occupied territory by the RAF. Both sides claim huge losses inflicted on the enemy. On Wednesday a break in the fury of attacking Nazi planes was thought to presage an attempt to land troops—only one "mass" attack of 300 planes being attempted, against the Dover balloon barrage which was repulsed. "Planted" parachutes were dropped in England's Manchester and Birmingham areas and in Scotland, with no riders, Britain reports. Berlin on the other hand announced that parachutists had been dropped to carry out sabotage against British defenses. Thousands of home guard troops and crack "parashots" in England and Scotland are mobilized to search for and destroy Nazi parachutists—Hitler's vanguard of invasion that might land in the darkness. Pilots of RAF reported that hundreds of square miles of Germany's vital industrial areas had been devastated as well as possible "jumping off points" for an invasion on nearer coasts. Numbers of planes destroyed claimed by both sides are wide apart, but it appears that Germany has greater losses in proportion of planes engaged.

The alleged beheading of an Albanian nationalist in northern Greece in a border clash threatens to furnish a pretext for Fascist pressure on Greece to renounce her friendship with Great Britain. This may drag Greece into the war.

Three More Escape From County Jail Here Saturday

In the second jail-break in as many weeks, three more prisoners made good their escape from the Macon county jail here early last Saturday night. County officers were still continuing the search for them Thursday. The men, imprisoned in a second-story cell opposite the street, sawed the bars from their window around 10:30 p. m. and let themselves down to the ground by blankets. One of the prisoners, Howard Gibson, 21, escaped from the jail here once before on April 18. Their escape was discovered when Ras Penland, who happened to be nearby saw three men running across a field and reported to the jail. Only members of Jailer John Dills' family were present when the break occurred, Dills having gone to make an arrest. The escapes are: Howard Gibson of Macon county, sentenced to 90 days on the roads for larceny of chickens; Ray Prince, 23, of Highlands, awaiting trial on charges of breaking and entering; and William Turner of Aquone, awaiting trial on the same charge.

Mrs. Howard Wilkie Suffers Serious Accident

Mrs. Howard Wilkie, of Long Shoals Road near Asheville, suffered a broken leg that required amputation below the knee when hit by an automobile last Monday. The accident occurred at the road's intersection with the Hendersonville highway. Mrs. Wilkie was Miss Jessie Higdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Higdon of Cullasaja, before her marriage to Howard Wilkie, son of Mrs. W. G. Wilkie of Franklin. Mrs. C. Tom Bryson, a sister of Mrs. Wilkie, hastened to her bedside, and is still with her, at Biltmore hospital. On Wednesday the patient was reported to be doing as well as could be expected. Howard Wilkie, who has been a teacher in the Weaverville school for the past years is now employed on the Glenville project of the Nantahala Power and Light company. The Wilkies have two children.

T. F. RY. MAY BE DISCONTINUED

Line Suffers Bad Losses For First 6 Months Of 1940

The Tallulah Falls railway may soon be forced to cease operations for lack of revenue, H. H. Brewer of Cornelia, receiver for the line, stated this week. "Unless something can be done to regain some of the less-than-carload business which has apparently been lost to truck competition, it looks like the Tallulah Falls Railway will soon have to join the ranks of the tremendous number of shortlines over the country which have been abandoned from lack of patronage of the people they were trying to serve," Mr. Brewer said. Freight revenue figures for the T. F. show a decrease of \$4,635 in less-than-carload shipment receipts for 1939. Passenger train revenue for the first six months of 1940 operations indicate a loss of \$419.77 as against a profit of \$363.43 for the first six months of 1939. In former years this service has been able to pay its cost of operation. Total operation figures for the first six months of 1940 show a total loss of \$9,635.21 as against a total loss of \$4,310.00 for the same period last year. "Some improvement is hoped for during the remainder of the year," Mr. Brewer said. "However, there does not yet appear to be any hope of making expenses."

List Of Teachers In County Schools Released By Houk

Six New Teachers On Faculty Of Franklin High School

The complete list of teachers for the schools of Macon county is given below, with their locations for the school year 1940-41. One additional teacher has been added to the Franklin high school faculty. The new teachers for the Franklin high school are Miss Frances Barringer of Concord, mathematics; Miss Genevieve Helen White of Brooklyn, N. Y., science; Miss Mildred Underwood, whose parents teach in the Cherokee Indian school, history. These are graduates of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Miss Dorothy Plonk, who received highest honors at Greensboro college in June, will teach science and mathematics, and Miss Helen Moore, of Chester, S. C., a Winthrop graduate, will teach science. Mrs. Philip Green, who has been teaching in Buncombe county, will have the French classes. She received her degree from Asbury college, Wilmore, Ky. All teachers have majored in the subjects that they will teach and have their required certificates, according to W. H. Finley, principal. Mrs. Charles O. (Virginia D.) Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bryson of Bryson hotel, is a new teacher in the Franklin elementary school. Mrs. Ramsey is a graduate of Kent State Normal in Ohio and has studied at Indiana University. Her experience includes teaching at Berry school, Georgia; Carcasson, Ky., and Harris high school, Spruce Pine. The Rainbow Springs pupils will be transported by bus to the Slagle school. Following is the list and location List and Location Of Teachers Franklin High School: W. H. Finley, principal; W. C. Newton, history; J. C. Hawkins, mathematics; Miss Katherine Sherill, English; Miss Frances Barringer, mathematics; Miss Dorothy Plonk, mathematics and science; Miss Helen Moore, science; Miss Genevieve Helen White, science; Miss Mildred Underwood, history; Mrs. Philip L. Green, French; Miss Gloria Reagan, English; Mrs. Catherine O'Neil, home economics; Mrs. Katherine Porter Mathews, seventh grade; Miss Marie P. Stewart, history and English; E. J. Whitmore, agriculture.

Elementary Teachers Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, Mrs. Mayberyl Moody, Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, Mrs. Charles Ramsey, Mrs. Beatrice M. Alley, Miss Edna Jamison, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, Miss Margaret Slagle; Mrs. Kate Williams, Mrs. Elsie W. Franks, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Guffey; Miss Amy Henderson.

Iotla—Tillery Love, Mrs. Bess

(Continued on Page Ten)

WPA Offices Will Remain Here In The Ashear Building

WPA headquarters for Macon county will remain in their present location here in the Ashear building under the terms of an agreement reached Saturday by the County Board of Commissioners and the Town Board of Aldermen. Funds for the WPA office rent and telephone will be furnished jointly by the county and the town. The county is to pay \$16 monthly and the town \$15—a total of \$31 monthly, the amount requested by the WPA. Each board agreed to appropriate the sum asked of it by means of a letter circulated and signed by its members. If the office expenses had not been furnished locally, the WPA would have been forced to its headquarters, where space in the Municipal building there had been kindly offered.

School Garage And Bus Sheds

New bus sheds and a garage have been constructed by the county on the grounds of the Franklin schools this summer, and are being put in readiness to accommodate Macon county busses and to provide servicing and repair work. Bob Blaine, an experienced garage mechanic, who has been in the employ of the Burrell and Roy Mashburn garages, will have charge of the garage. The routes of the busses will be substantially the same as last year, it was stated by the superintendent's office.

Material Aid For Britain Petition Sent Reynolds And Weaver

Bearing the names of 150 Franklin citizens, a petition requesting that material aid be extended to Great Britain in her present crisis was mailed to Senator Robert R. Reynolds and Congressman Zebulon Weaver in Washington yesterday. The petition specifically asked that over-aged destroyers be sent to the defense of England—in keeping with the aims of the committee to Defend America by Helping the Allies, of which William Allen White is national chairman. The petition, which was printed in full in last week's Press, sponsored by R. S. Omohundro, Charlie Bradley, Bill Moore and others, was circulated only on Main street, and no effort was made to secure more names. The fact that only three approached did not wish to sign their names showed that the sentiment of the citizens was overwhelmingly in sympathy with the movement to extend prompt aid to Britain as the best insurance to keep the war away from America. The signed petition was dispatched as promptly as possible as an expression of the opinion of many representative citizens—men and women.

Bryson Reunion To Be At West's Mill Sunday

The Macon county Bryson reunion will be held on Sunday, August 18, at the home of Mrs. James L. Bryson at West's Mill. The program committee are arranging a very interesting program which will be given in the afternoon. T. D. Bryson, attorney of Franklin, will be the guest speaker. Special vocal music will be rendered by a quartet composed of Lex Angel, Joe Angel, Olin Graham and James M. Raby.

Peek-Henderson Reunion At Cliffside August 17

Descendants of the Peek-Henderson families will gather at Cliffside Lake on Highway 64, Saturday, August 17, for their annual reunion. Following the lunch a program will be given and talks will be made by attending visitors. All members of both families are expected to be present, and bring picnic lunch.

Lions To Bring Carnival To Franklin For Week

The Lions Club announced this week that it had signed a contract with the Wolfe Amusement company to bring a carnival here for a week, August 28-31. No site for the carnival has been secured as yet.

Macon County Relatively Undamaged By Floods

Five Convicts And State Employee Hurt In Crash Near Cullasaja Friday

Five convicts from the prison camp here and a state employee were injured last Friday when the state highway truck in which they were riding left the highway as another truck, driven by Harry Cunningham of Franklin, attempted to pass it. The truck was completely demolished in the crash, which occurred on U. S. 64 between Cullasaja and Gneiss as the men were returning to camp. Three of the prisoners are still in Angel hospital here. They are: John Richardson, 44, fractured ribs, sentenced from Burke county on a forgery charge; Dock Polard, 25, fractured spine, sentenced from Pender county for larceny, and John Sneed, 41, fractured shoulder, sentenced from Person county for breaking and entering. The other two injured prisoners, Herman Baily, 24, sentenced from Wake county for assault, and Winnie Styles, sentenced from Cherokee for breaking and entering, are back in camp. R. L. Porter, state employee suffered a broken knee in the accident. Cunningham, the driver of the other truck, stated that he had pulled out to pass the state highway truck when it suddenly careened off the highway.

PARTNER DAY PLANS MADE

One Hundred Prizes To Be Offered By C. Of C.

Arrangements for the first annual "Partner Day," to be held here Labor Day, September 2, are progressing rapidly, the chamber of commerce reports. The purpose of "Partner Day," according to Rev. Frank Bloxham, secretary of the chamber, is to enable citizens to become better acquainted and to become partners in boosting Franklin and Macon county. A special fund has been appropriated by the chamber of commerce to provide 100 prizes for the day. The prizes will consist of orders for merchandise on the various establishments that are members of the civic organization. Everyone is eligible to compete for one of the prizes according to the following simple rules: There will be a box containing entries at the chamber of commerce information booth on Main street. All that has to be done is to obtain one of the entry-cards, bearing a number, and wear it. Somewhere downtown someone else will be wearing the identical number. When your partner is found, come back to the information booth and each will receive a prize. Store-keepers and clerks will also be wearing numbers. A square dance on the public square will probably close the day. The chamber of commerce is hoping to arrange with merchants to offer additional prizes and hold special sales on the day.

Three Women Hurt In Head-On Collision In Cat Creek Section Sun.

Three Macon county women were injured in a head-on automobile collision Sunday in the Cat Creek section of Macon county near the home of Jerry R. Franklin. Mrs. Ina Henry Duvall, daughter of R. F. Henry, and a teacher in the Macon county public schools, suffered a dislocated kneecap. Miss Nell Justice, a nurse in the Harris Community hospital at Sylva, received a fractured skull and her sister, Mrs. Bryan Setser of the Cartoogechaye community, suffered a hip dislocation. The latter two are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Justice, of Franklin Route 4. They were all taken to Angel Clinic where their conditions were reported to be very satisfactory.

Rev. Ray Riddle Guest Minister Here Sunday

Rev. F. Fay Riddle, D. D., pastor of the Shandon Presbyterian church, Columbia, S. C., will be the guest minister at the Franklin Presbyterian church this Sunday at the 11 a. m. services. Miss Frances Riddle will render a special vocal selection at the

Counties Farther East are Hard Hit; Eleven Lives Lost

Macon county came off relatively light compared to surrounding counties in the torrential rains that swept across Western North Carolina early this week. Serious damage to crops is reported, especially in Smith Bridge, Cullasaja and Flats townships, and around five bridges are reported washed out on secondary roads over the county. "Farmers in the damaged areas tell me that the crop loss is around 50 per cent," County Agent Sam Mendenhall said. More complete figures were not available. Franklin was cut off from train and bus service from the east Tuesday, but all transportation facilities were restored by Wednesday. The Nantahala Power and Light company reported that the Little Tennessee river reached the highest point in the records of their company at the powerhouse on Lake Emory. A log boom protecting the intake at the powerhouse broke loose Tuesday night but was secured before any damage could be done. Some damage was also reported at the Glenville project on the Tuckaseegee river. Over Western North Carolina, floods and landslides took a toll of five lives, resulting in injuries to at least 11 people, a survey disclosed Wednesday night. Property damage will run into millions of dollars. Asheville, cut off from its source of water since Tuesday when floods severed the conduits leading from the watersheds, managed to repair the breaks late Thursday afternoon, after the city had been threatened with a serious water shortage. The Champion Fibre company resumed operations Wednesday after having been forced to close by flood waters in the plant itself. Fiberville, near Canton, was completely inundated and were compelled to flee their homes. Cullowhee was completely cut off by the raging waters of the Tuckaseegee river Tuesday, but little damage was reported. North Wilkesboro suffered an estimated \$2,000,000 damage and 2,500 persons were thrown out of work by a combined fire and flood. After the rising Yadkin river had severed power and water facilities, two industrial plants mysteriously caught fire and burned to the ground.

Eastern Star

Head To Make Official Visit Here

Mrs. Leola M. Byerly, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star, will make her official visit to Nequassa Chapter No. 43 here, at a special meeting to be held at the Masonic Temple Monday night, August 19, at 8 o'clock. On Wednesday, August 21, the annual district meeting of the Twelfth District of North Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held at the Masonic Temple in Bryson City with Tuckaseegee Chapter No. 16 as hostess. Miss Elizabeth Slagle, district Deputy Grand Matron will preside. A large delegation from here is expected to be present. Mrs. Byerly, who has visited Nequassa Chapter on former occasions, is widely known throughout the state in Eastern Star work. Up until the past few years, she made her home in Asheville. She now resides in Salisbury. Other Grand officers of the Grand Chapter who are expected to be present both at the meeting here and in Bryson City are: Mr. John L. Orr of Bryson City, Worthy Grand Patron; Mr. Harley Welch of Bryson City, District Deputy Grand Patron; Mrs. Jean Moore of Franklin, Grand Representative of Michigan; Eunice Hill Church of Franklin, Grand Adah; and Miss Elizabeth Slagle of Franklin, District Deputy Grand Matron of the Twelfth District. The public is cordially invited.

Regular Sunday School Exercises Will Be Held At 10 a. m.

Under the direction of James A. Sutton, superintendent of the Sunday school.

Motor Vehicle Accidents In This Country Last Year Resulted In Non-Fatal Injuries To 1,150,000 Persons.