

1940 Census

Population of
Macon County
15,880

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1,250

LEGION SUPPER FOR SELECTEES

Legionnaire Recalls Some First World War Experiences

Members of the American Legion entertained with a supper at the American Legion hall on Monday night, as a farewell party for the 11 Macon county selectees, who left Franklin on Wednesday morning at 7:15 by bus for Fort Bragg to enter military training.

Dr. W. E. Furr, a veteran of the world war, was guest speaker for the occasion. Dr. Furr enlisted in the Marines in 1917 with the 2nd division, where he fought until the armistice was signed in 1918. He related numerous experiences of his services in the trenches and told of being "hit twice with machine gun bullets. One bullet going between the sole of his shoe and his foot and the other bullet going through his wrapped leg. He further related the time he captured seven Germans and displayed numerous badges, medals and awards received for the acts of heroism mentioned above.

Gilmer A. Jones, commander of Post 108, John O. Harrison, mayor of Franklin, and Rev. S. R. Crockett, chaplain of the Post, made short talks. Mrs. Harry S. Higgins played during the supper hour and the program was closed by the crowd singing "America."

Approximately 30 legionnaires, selectees and invited guests were present.

Mrs. Frank I. Murray Injured In Accident

Mrs. Frank I. Murray, in charge of the WPA bookmobile for Macon county, who was injured in an accident last Thursday, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily at Angel hospital.

While delivering the bookmobile to the Murphy library, it left the road near Hayesville, turning over four times, it was stated. Mrs. Murray received injuries to chest and hip, but no fractures. The bookmobile was reported badly wrecked.

As The World Turns

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

YUGOSLAVIA

A broadcast announces that 17-year-old King Peter has taken over the government in Yugoslavia, and is forming a pro-British cabinet to oppose Hitler, following violent demonstrations in Belgrade against the pact signed yesterday with the Nazis. One thousand rioters and students battled with police in protest against the pact and civil war threatened. Britain has broadcast that the Empire will aid their fight for freedom.

NAZI WAR ZONE EXTENDED TO GREENLAND

German's action in extending her war zone to waters of Greenland and Iceland may be retaliation for Russian intervention in the Balkan situation, whose shipping is affected by the move more than Britain's. Germany has long had an eye on Iceland.

BERLIN

Germany gives royal reception to Matsuoaka, Japanese foreign minister in spectacular demonstrations with all high officials welcoming him for conversations "to promote the new order in Europe and the Far East."

CAIRO

German mechanized troops have landed at Tripoli and have occupied a small point on the gulf of Sidra, southwest of Bengasi. Addis Ababa's railroad has been bombed as troops advance. A Free French air squadron has joined in the attacks on Ethiopia.

LONDON

Britain has suffered many bombings, which have lessened the last few nights. British officials report that Consolidated and Lockheed bombers in swarms are Britain's answer to Germany's extension of the Atlantic counter-blocade. British report Nazi planes and ships destroyed; also British shipping losses high.

JAPAN ARRESTS WOMEN MISSIONARIES

Fifteen British and United States women missionaries have been arrested on charges of plotting a campaign in Korea against Japan's

war in China, it is reported from Tokyo.

No names were given.

HALIFAX SPEAKS

Lord Halifax, British ambassador, assured reporters that Britain did not want a vindictive peace, but that Britain was going to assure, as far as possible, that there is no repetition of the present affair.

On American aid, he said, "It is a question of how fast you can do it." He said the war would take longer if aid was late, but "we are not going to lose. If we have to fight 20 years we will win the war, but the sooner you can help, the shorter the job will be."

STRIKES

Secretary Knox and William S. Knudsen direct the Allis Chalmers company of Milwaukee to notify its striking workers "to report for work and start operations immediately," saying that the defense program must not be "handicapped by unnecessary strikes."

CIO strikers at the Bethlehem Steel plant and the company are reported to be set for a long strike.

Mayor Kelly of Chicago has agreed to act as an intermediary in the strike of CIO workers at the International Harvester Co.

A U. S. mediator from Washington has arrived in Asheville to confer with representatives of the American Enka corporation and the local United Textile Workers of America, an affiliate of A. F. of L., who have been out on strike since Saturday.

UTILITY BOARD TO TAKE OFFICE

The new utilities commission, appointed by Gov. Broughton, will take office April 1. The three are Chairman Stanley Winborne, the present commissioner, Fred C. Hunter of Charlotte and Prof. Harry Tucker of N. C. State college.

BROUGHTONS IN MEXICO CITY

Gov. and Mrs. Broughton are vacationing in Mexico City, guests of Ambassador Josephus Daniels and Mrs. Daniels.

Flag Presented

By Legion Auxiliary To High School

The American Legion Auxiliary will present a United States flag to the Franklin high school at an early date.

The class of 1941 will make a gift to their school of a metal flag pole which will be erected on the grounds to carry the flag.

New School Board

Will Succeed To Duties On April 1

The five men nominated for the Macon county board of education in the last primary and confirmed by the General Assembly on motion of Dr. W. A. Rogers, representative, will take office on April 1. The following citizens will constitute this board: J. E. Cabe, Otto; C. Gordon Moore, Franklin; E. E. Crawford, Cartoogechaye; J. Frank Browning, West Mill; J. Roy Phillips, Highlands.

The present board that has served for the past two years is C. Tom Bryson, Cullasaja; Miss Lassie Kelly, Franklin; James Hauser, Franklin; Mrs. Fred Slagle, Cartoogechaye. The fifth member, W. E. Moseley of Otto, died in August, 1939.

11 Macon County Trainees Go To Camp

The following Macon county young men left at 7:15 Wednesday morning for Fort Bragg, as announced by the local draft board: Harve L. Bateman, Charlie Fender, Thomas Louis Crunkleton, Gurnell Lee Woods, William Conley, Kenneth Tillman Cruise, Kenneth Ansel Dowdle, Carl Green, Joseph Percy Shope, Woodrow Thomas Holland, Sam William Frady.

Patrick Theodore Rogers of Highlands, listed last week, was transferred to the group that will leave April 8.

The first drafted trainee of the local draft board was called in this quota.

We give to necessity the praise of virtue—Quintilian.

Honor Students



JOHN H. WASILIK



KATHERINE LONG

John H. Wasilik, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., is valedictorian of the senior class of the Franklin high school, and Katherine Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Long is salutatorian of the class. Both were born here and have received their entire schooling in the Franklin schools. Both honor students have made high averages in their work.

TEACHERS WILL MEET SATURDAY

Officers Will Be Elected To Serve During Coming Year

The Macon county teachers will meet at the Franklin high school on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock for their regular monthly meeting.

Following the teachers meeting an election of officers for the Macon County Teachers Association to serve through the ensuing year will be held. All teachers are urged to attend.

Teachers' Banquet

Program On Defense And Patriotism

Dean W. E. Bird, of Western Carolina Teachers' college of Cullowhee, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Macon County Teachers Association which will be held at Panorama Courts on Friday evening, March 28, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Dean Bird will speak on the Morals of Defense. The entire program of the banquet will be centered around defense and patriotism.

Dr. W. A. Rogers, representative of Macon county, and Guy L. Houk, superintendent of Macon county public schools, will also be present and take part in the program. Dr. J. L. Stokes II will give the invocation, and the Franklin Choral Society will sing.

Miss Nora Moody, president of the local unit will preside at the meeting.

Approximately 175 teachers, members of the old and new board of education, representatives from the Lion and Rotary Clubs, Dr. E. N. Haller, county health physician, Miss Alma Kee, county nurse, the county commissioners and the presidents of the parent-teachers associations from Franklin, Highlands and Otto, delegates from the local advisory committee, M. D. Billings, and E. E. Edwards, Mayor of Highlands, have been invited to attend.

Game Warden Gives Fishing Dates

J. Fred Bryson, game warden Macon, has announced that the fishing season on bass, brim and muskellung will close on Tuesday, April 1, and remain closed until Tuesday, June 10.

B. T. U.

Regional Convention To Meet Fri. and Sat.

The annual B. T. U. Convention of the 10th region of North Carolina will convene in the First Baptist church on Friday and Saturday of this week, beginning at 3 p. m. Friday.

Rev. H. C. Hocutt, of Sylva will have charge of the sessions and will be assisted with other state workers for the conferences. Miss Maxine Slaughter, the new State B. T. U. Leader will be present, and on Friday night at 7:30 the Rev. J. A. Herring, returned missionary from China will give the principal address.

Among the outstanding features of the convention will be the sunrise meeting at 6:30 a. m. on Saturday morning and a message at 11:30 a. m. by the Rev. E. F. Baker of Andrews. Special music by the ladies octette of Andrews and a trio of ladies from Sylva will intersperse the program.

Guests will be entertained over night on the Harvard plan by members of the local B. T. U.

Visitors will be welcome to these services.

Order of Eastern Star Install Officers

At a regular meeting of Nequassa Chapter No. 43, O. E. S., last Tuesday evening, the officers for the ensuing year were regularly installed.

Miss Elizabeth Slagle, District Deputy Grand Matron of the 12th District of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star, was the installing officer, and Mrs. Sallie Moore, installing marshal; Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, installing conductress and Mrs. Jean Moore, installing chaplain.

The officers for this year are as follows: worthy matron, Mrs. Margaret Cabe; worthy patron, C. Gordon Moore; associate matron, Mrs. Alice Ray; associate patron, James Hauser; secretary, Mrs. Nobia Murray; treasurer, Mrs. Irene Bryson; conductress, Mrs. Anne Higdon; associate conductress, Mrs. Beth Guffey; chaplain, Mrs. Leola Penn; marshal, Mrs. Sallie Moore; organist, Mrs. Doris Anderson; Adah, Mrs. Lucy Sue Crawford; Ruth, Mrs. Lois Ward; Esther, Mrs. Grace O'Mohundro; Martha, Mrs. Frances McGlamery; Electa, Mrs. Flora Dean; warden, Mrs. Eunice Church; and sentinel, Ben L. McGlamery.

Fifth Sunday Singing

The fifth Sunday singing convention will meet at the Macon county court house on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, James M. Raby, president has announced.

Mr. Raby expects singers from every section of the county as well as those from adjoining counties. The public is invited to attend.

Annual Report Of Boy Scouts

We close another year in our scout history next Sunday. Our charter expires March 31 and we are ready to renew and re-register our scouts.

Looking back over our year's work, our roll numbers 36, from tenderfoot to Eagle. We have enrolled six tenderfoots and have had a promotion in every rank. We were proud to have Mr. Bloxam, our former scoutmaster, drive all the way from Lincolnton to deliver the Eagle badge to Mrs. H. H. Plemmons that her son, Eagle Scout Paul Lee, had earned. We further boast of our next Eagle Scout, who will go up at the next court of honor, Gordon Porter, Jack Angel is just waiting his time to be another Eagle for our troop.

We are sorry to give up our old scout house, but proud to know that our sponsors are going to build us a new home. Our troop has met every Friday night except three, and our boys were ready to make up our loss.

We are happy to thank Mrs. Gus Leach for cookies, a friend for chocolate cake, Mr. Plemmons for letting our Eagle scouts use his car to attend the annual banquet in Asheville. We shout loudly "Thank You" to Rev. J. A. Flanagan, our loyal friend.

To Mr. Jess Conley, Dr. Stokes, Ben McGlamery, Clyde Gailey, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, Mr. Thorpe, Dr. Perry, O. C. Bryant, Ben Woodruff, and many other friends who have helped us, especially those who have contributed to the membership drive and to help build our home, Thank You.

James Hauser, Scoutmaster.

Chamber Of Commerce Meeting On April 8th

Robert G. Hawkins Accident Victim

Robert Garfield Hawkins, 18, who came to Macon county from California to work for the Utah Construction company on the Nantahala dam, was fatally wounded Sunday night about 7 o'clock while working as foreman of a rock crusher crew. The dirt dumping car which he was riding to inspect the crushed stone overturned down an embankment into the Nantahala river when the driver lost control. Hawkins was riding on the hood of the machine. Charlie W. King, driver, managed to jump to safety as the car overturned.

Young Hawkins died en route to the hospital in Franklin, having suffered a broken neck and other injuries.

The deceased is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hawkins, who are now living at Nantahala, Mr. Hawkins being also employed on the dam project. They came here from California.

Following the inquest held on Monday morning by Corner C. M. Moore, assisted by deputy sheriff, John Dills, Charlie King, who had been held pending investigation, was released. The verdict rendered by the coroner's jury was that the accident was unavoidable. The jury were A. J. Evans, Roy B. Vanhook, James M. Dryman, J. M. Emory, Sherman Ledford and Seth H. Crunkleton.

The remains were carried to Macon, Ga. for cremation.

Baptist And Methodist Churches To Hold Pre-Easter Services

Beginning Sunday night, April 6, and continuing each night through April 13, a series of pre-Easter services will be held in the Franklin Baptist and Methodist churches, it is announced by the pastors, Rev. C. F. Rogers and Rev. J. L. Stokes II. Services will begin in the Baptist church and will alternate between the churches, Rev. Stokes preaching in the Baptist church and Rev. Rogers preaching in the Methodist church.

All people of the community not otherwise engaged in Lenten services are extended a cordial invitation to worship with the members of the two churches uniting in this series.

FAMOUS PILOT ARRIVES HERE

Jimmy Angel Flies From S. America On Brief Visit Home

Jimmy Angel, distinguished aviator and discoverer of the highest falls in the world, located in South America, flew to Franklin yesterday afternoon and landed on the Zeb Angel farm near town. He is the guest of his cousin, Dr. Edgar Angel, for a few days of his vacation from his present job as chief test pilot for the Venezuelan government; flying here from Washington, D. C.

Mr. Angel's colorful career as aviator in the World War and since, as explorer in South America, and as a movie pilot, has been of keen interest to friends and relatives in Macon county. His famous exploit of discovering, in the heart of the Venezuelan jungle, a magnificent waterfall, proven the highest in the world, and named in his honor, was reported in the Franklin Press a few years ago. He has been flying for 27 years; first, in the World War, later for the Chinese government and as private pilot for former President Obregon of Mexico. Many remember the movie, "Hell's Angels" which this famous pilot says was the last of several pictures in which he flew. He tells the story of how he refused to fly in a "falling plane" scene. The two men who did the stunt fell to their death and Liberty magazine contained an article describing this happening.

Mr. Angel was born in Jackson county and spent several years of his youth in this county. His father now lives in the west. This is his first visit to the United States in seven years. He is glad to come back to his old home after ten years' absence. He is flying a Cessna plane, used in aerial photography work in Venezuela.

Directors To Be Elected; New Folders Widely Distributed

The annual meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce has been called by the board of directors to meet on Tuesday, April 8, in the courthouse, at 8 p. m., as announced by Tillery T. Love, secretary.

The board of directors will be elected at this meeting and a full report of the past year's work and activities will be made to the membership. A full meeting of members and citizens desiring to join is desired. All members will receive notice from the secretary.

New Franklin Folder

A handsome new colored folder, with beautiful illustrations of scenery and attractions for tourists, with map and descriptive text, has just been published.

"I am distributing these as fast as I can mail them out," said Mr. Love last Monday. "They are going out to hotels and travel agencies in Florida and neighboring states and to population centers, to attract new business. We are preparing for the best tourist season yet enjoyed by Franklin."

Mr. Love spoke of the increased accommodations that are being built by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hirsch of Franklin Terrace, Major and Mrs. Carmack at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course, by Cagle and Bradley at Panorama Courts, and Mrs. John Henry on Palmer street.

He announced that the new folders are available at the hotels, Angel's and Perry's drug stores and the office of the Franklin Press at this time, before the Chamber of Commerce booth is opened.

Membership Drive

The work of the Chamber of Commerce during the past season was highly successful and has been commended by both members and the traveling public. The booth on Main street was a busy place during the entire season. As a Bureau of Information, where volunteer members served during the summer months, help was extended to 2,250 visitors.

Of these the records show that 1226 signed the register, from 37 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and the Bahama Islands. Seven hundred twenty-six pieces of mail were sent out. An information booklet, listing accommodations and attractions and scenic tours, was published and distributed. These are being mailed out with the new illustrated folders, furnishing the most complete information and advertisement that Franklin has yet sent out.

Goal Of \$2,000

The impetus received from the efficient work of the present directors has established the Franklin Chamber of Commerce as an indispensable factor for our town's progress. The report shows that a total was received from memberships of \$1,054.35, representing a membership of 146, with dues ranging from one dollar to \$100.

This year's membership drive will be organized shortly with a goal of \$2,000, which will be needed for an expanded program of publicity and tourist service. Generous contributions from public spirited citizens and businesses contributed as memberships made possible last year's expenditures for the permanent set-up of a vigorous chamber of commerce. The work of committee chairmen and volunteers supplemented the funds raised last year and established this year's working basis.

The present board of directors are: J. E. S. Thorpe, president; B. W. Woodruff, vice-president; T. T. Love, secretary; W. C. Zickgraf, John Archer, A. R. Higdon, H. W. Cabe.

The following committees served during the year: hospitality, James Averell; publicity, Ben McGlamery; signs, Bob Gaines; finance, J. E. S. Thorpe, Tom Angel, Ben McGlamery, Alf Higdon, Jim Perry, Bob Gaines, Jess Conley, Bill Moore, Bill Sloan. The Rev. Frank Bloxam served as secretary until his removal to Lincolnton, when he was succeeded by Mr. Love.

Builders Should See County Health Dept.

Property owners in Macon county when planning to install new septic tanks, privies, or other sewerage facilities are advised to consult the County Health department.

In this way they can avoid costly alterations that are often required in order to comply with the state laws on sanitation.