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GAME SEASON OPEN DATES

Warden Bryson Lists N. C. Game Laws And Seasons

The trout season will close August 31, according to Fred Bryson, Macon county game warden.

Opening dates for hunting season in Macon county are as follows:

* Bear, October 20 to January 1, bag limit, per day or for season is two.

Deer, no open season.

Raccoon and opossum, October 20 to February 15, no limit.

Quail, November 20 to January 31, 10 per day; 100 per season.

Rabbit, November 20 to January 31, 10 per day, no limit.

Squirrel, September 15 to December 15, six per day.

Turkey, no open season.

Ruffed Grouse, November 20 to January 1, two per day, 10 per season.

Dove, September 16 to October 27, 12 per day.

Duck, November 2 to December 31, 10 per day.

It is illegal to shoot water fowl before sunrise or after 4 p. m.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

All shot guns holding more than three shells in magazine and chamber combined must be plugged.

It is unlawful to sell any game animals or birds.

In all cases convicted of violating the North Carolina game law the court shall require a surrender of any hunting license then held by the person convicted.

Hunting licenses may be bought at the following places:

Franklin, Macon County Supply company; Angels Drug Store.

Cullasaja: Jesse, Estes; Wiley Clark.

Highlands: Highlands Hardware; Harry's Cafe.

Sealy: J. D. Burnette.

Qto: J. E. Cabe.

Cartoogechay: Robert Southards.

Rainbow Springs: Mrs. Frank Phillips.

Aquone: L. C. Steppe.

Kyle: M. V. Morgan.

Flats: Clint May.

West's Mill: C. N. West.

Franklin Beats Blue Ridge In Final Season Game

Franklin slid into third place in the Tri-State League Sunday by defeating Blue Ridge 6-3 in the opener of a twin-bill. The nightcap was rained out in the fourth inning. There is still a chance for Franklin to drop into fourth place as Blue Ridge has two more games to play, one with Isabella and one with Bryson City. If Blue Ridge wins both of these games they go into third place, as Franklin has played all their games. However, if Blue Ridge loses either game, then Franklin has third place cinched.

As the play-off in the Tri-State League does not start until September 7, Franklin has scheduled the strong Hazelwood Club from the Industrial League here Sunday.

Final Batting Averages		
Names	Average	
Sam Audry	421	
Dan Reynolds	353	
E. J. Whitmire	350	
Joe Gentry	349	
Doug Holsanback	323	
Jim McHarge	322	
Phil McCullom	320	
Ray Swanson	316	
Claude Duvall	304	
W. C. Newton	304	
George Elliott	273	
Carl Tysinger	277	
Gene Melton	242	
Ray English	200	

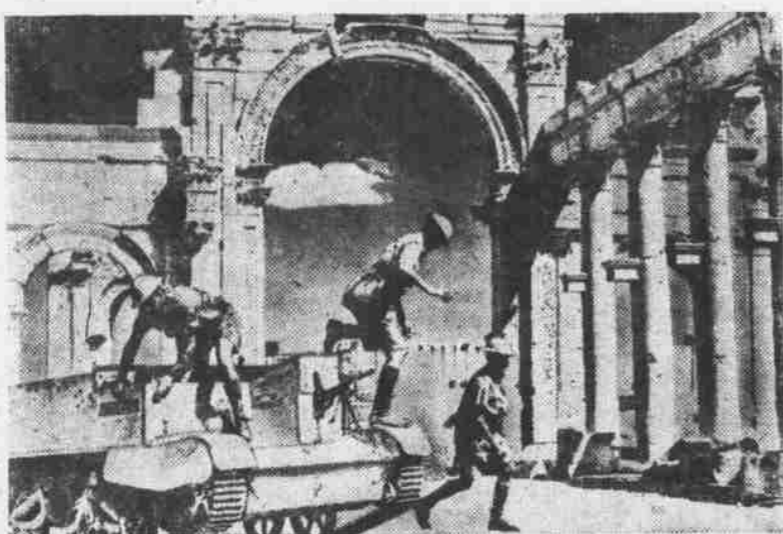
Team Average 306

Pitchers Records		
Names	Won	Lost
Reynolds	6	3
English	6	3
Holsanback	5	3
McCullom	1	1
Newton	0	1
Higdon	0	1
McHarge	0	1

CORRECTION

It was stated in last week's issue of The Franklin Press-Highlands Maconian that Burrell Motor company had purchased the lot next to the Macon Theatre. We wish to correct that statement to the effect that the lot was leased for an indefinite period of time instead of purchased.

Modern History Made Amid Ancient Ruin



British troops are shown leaping from their Bren carrier as they take over the imposing ruins of the ancient Roman colonnade in Palmyra, an historic city in the Syrian desert. This took place before the armistice which ended hostilities between the British and the Axis-dominated French in control of Syria.

MERIT SYSTEM EXAMINATIONS

Announcements Are Made For Clerical Positions In State Agencies

Announcement of merit examinations for clerical positions in all agencies under the Merit System Rule has been made today by Frank T. de Vyver, supervisor of merit examinations. Notification of the coming examinations has gone forth to some 6,000 employees of the agencies, persons who have already indicated their interest in taking the examinations, and to newspapers, courthouses, post offices, radio stations, business schools, libraries, professional and labor organizations, and employment bureaus all over the state.

The series of examinations will be given for the following clerical positions: junior general clerk, senior general clerk, principal general clerk, typist clerk, junior stenographer clerk, senior stenographer clerk, junior stenotypist, senior stenotypist, senior file clerk, principal file clerk, junior calculating machine operator, senior calculating machine operator, junior graphotype operator, junior addressograph operator, senior addressograph operator, junior bookkeeping machine operator, senior bookkeeping machine operator, junior key punch operator, senior key punch operator, junior tabulating machine operator, and senior tabulating machine operator. Qualifying examinations are compulsory for all clerical workers in the following agencies: The state board of health, the local health units, the state board of charities and public welfare, the county welfare departments, and the state commission for the blind. All employees of the unemployment compensation commission, including the state employment service, who have received their jobs on a provisional basis since the examinations in 1939 and who have not been certified because of exhausted registers will be obliged to take the examinations. When this new series of examinations are given, all existing registers for these positions are discarded. Any person wishing to remain on a register must, therefore, take the new series of examinations.

Any other person interested in taking one or more of these examinations may write to the Merit System Supervisor, Frank T. de Vyver, Box 2328, Durham, N. C., and secure application blanks and a bulletin containing the minimum qualifications for the positions. All applications must be returned to the supervisor's office by midnight of September 15. There all applications will be carefully considered in view of the minimum qualifications and each applicant will be informed of his eligibility to take the examinations.

The first series of merit examinations given in North Carolina covered only the employees of the Unemployment Compensation Commission. Four thousand six hundred and ninety-seven persons were found to have the minimum qualifications and took 11,877 examinations for clerical positions. For the present series it is estimated that some 12,500 applications will be made and that some 10,000 of these will be accepted. Examinations will be compulsory for the 500 employees of the several agencies.

Schools Open

Enrollment of 1,000 Pupils Expected In Franklin

The public schools of Macon county, with the exception of Highlands, opened Thursday morning, August 28.

The Franklin schools opened their doors at 9:15, while the rural schools began at 9.

Fifteen buses will be used in transporting the school children of Macon county this winter, nine of these bringing children from the rural areas to the Franklin schools.

The Highlands school will begin the fall term on September 4, according to G. L. Houk, Macon county superintendent of schools.

W. H. Finley, Franklin principal, announced that the enrollment for the Franklin schools was expected to exceed 1,000 pupils.

C. OF C. SHOWS FINE RECORD

Pres. Woodruff Speaks On Present And Future Activities

Ben Woodruff, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, in speaking before a joint meeting Monday night, August 25, of the Franklin Lions and Rotary clubs and the local chamber of commerce was the responsibility of its individual members. In order to aid the board of directors to reflect the policies of the group, the speaker urged that the members should attend the meetings and express their opinions concerning matters of policy.

"Our advertising activities have been directed toward the scenic attractions, the recreational facilities, and our excellent summer climate of Franklin and surrounding vicinity, with the idea in view of attracting tourist trade from which we would all benefit," said the president in regard to past policies of the board of directors.

Mr. Woodruff gave the following facts in regard to the activities of the information booth operated by the chamber of commerce: Booth inquiries, 1985 through the month of August 1940; 3369 through August 23, 1941; 7,500 folders have been distributed in 18 states; 525 inquiries in regard to accommodations and other items have been answered by mail.

In closing, the speaker listed the following as proposed objectives for the chamber of commerce to work for in the future: advertising to attract visitors during the fall months, Western Union office, Retail Merchants Association, more signs attracting tourists to this area, ten thousand folders for the coming year.

Business Firms To Close Here On Labor Day

The following business firms announce that they will be closed all day Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

Western Auto Supply, The Franklin Press, Reeves Hardware Co., Macon Furniture Co., Franks Radio & Electric Co., Sander's 5 and 10 cent Store, Frances' Shop, Polly's, Blumenthal's, Macon County Supply Co., Dixie Store, S & L 5 and 10 cent Store, Baldwin and Liner Market, Swafford's Market, Darling Beauty Shop, Jess' Shop, Pearl's Beauty Shop, Jo's Beauty Shop, Franklin Hardware, Bryant Furniture Co., C. L. Pendergrass, J. B. Pendergrass, Roy P. Cunningham, Farmers Federation, Ray Grocery and Feed Co., City Market, A & P Tea Co., Joseph Ashcar.

Voters To Decide Tuesday On Courthouse Bond Issue

Commissioners Answer Bond Issue Questions

Express Belief Construction Of Courthouse Now With WPA Aid Will Result In Large Savings For Tax-Payers

We have been asked so many questions pertaining to the proposed bond issue, the election for which is to be held on September 2, and as it is evident that there is much misunderstanding pertaining to the purpose and effect of such bond issue, we are endeavoring to answer below the questions which seem to be uppermost in the voters' minds.

1. What is the purpose of the bond issue to be voted on next Tuesday?

To authorize the Board of County Commissioners to provide funds for the sponsors' contribution toward the total cost of a courthouse and jail for Macon County, North Carolina.

2. What is the amount of the issue?

\$60,000.00.

3. Must all of this amount be used?

No. This amount is the maximum amount which the county may contribute toward the costs of the courthouse and jail. If so much is not necessary toward the completion of the building and equipment thereof, the amount of bonds to be issued will be reduced accordingly.

4. If the courthouse is built, what per cent will be borne by the Federal Government and what per cent will be paid from this bond issue?

Approximately 65 to 70 per cent of the total cost of the building will be borne by the Federal Government, the remainder to be provided out of sponsors' funds.

5. For what purpose will our part of the money be spent?

For a portion of the materials, for skilled labor and for equipment for the building when it is completed.

6. Can any of the Government's money be used in employing non-certified skilled labor?

Yes.

7. May skilled labor be employed and paid for from our part of the money?

Yes. If the Federal Government is unable to provide skilled labor, the county may provide the same out of the proceeds of the bond issue and receive full value for the same. When this building is begun the WPA may not have on its certified list a sufficient amount of skilled labor to construct the building. If such proves to be the case, the county out of its funds provided by the proposed bond issue may and will employ local skilled labor—plasterers, plumbers, carpenters, electricians, pipe fitters and such other skilled labor as is necessary and will receive credit or such funds thus expended. The project proposed will include as part of the county's contribution the furnishing of such skilled labor as the government is unable to provide.

8. What rate of interest are these bonds to bear and how long does it take to retire them?

The bonds are to be serial bonds, retired at the rate of \$2,000.00 per year and bear interest not to exceed 4 per cent.

9. Has the WPA approved the Courthouse project?

No. The same has not been submitted and will not be submitted to the WPA unless the voters of Macon county approve the bond issue at the polls. The Board of Commissioners did not think it wise to obligate Macon county until they were sure that the people of Macon county would approve the issue of bonds for the sponsors' contribution. The WPA officials have assured Macon county that if the county will sponsor the project that there is no question but that the same will be approved.

10. If the WPA does not approve the project, will the bonds be issued?

No. \$60,000.00 is totally inadequate to build a courthouse and jail and the county will not undertake to even start such a project without the assistance of the Federal Government.

11. What is the present tax valuation of the property of Macon county?

\$5,725,000.00.

12. Based upon this valuation

how much will this bond issue raise our tax rate?

Not to exceed, 8 cents on the \$100.00.

13. Does this valuation take into consideration developments under construction, such as the Nantahala Power project?

No.

14. Assume that the same valuation is placed upon the Nantahala project as upon the Santeecta project in Graham county, of two and one-half million dollars, then how would this bond issue affect our tax rate?

If the tax valuation of Macon county should be increased the amount stated above, it would be possible to take care of interest and principal on the courthouse bonds and provide the same amount of revenue which is now being produced and give the taxpayers a reduction of at least 25 cents on the \$100.00. In other words, on the above valuation, the courthouse can be built and paid for and a material tax reduction be given to the citizens of Macon county.

15. Are the rumors that the TVA has taken over the Power company correct? Absolutely not.

The contract between the TVA and the Nantahala Power & Light company provides that for a term of 20 years the Nantahala Power & Light company shall own and operate existing properties under private ownership and control. The contract between the TVA and the Nantahala Power & Light company provides for a unified operation of all dams on the Tennessee River system, both the Fontana dam to be erected by the TVA and the dams now owned by the Nantahala Power & Light company, to the end that the maximum efficient use of the waters of the drainage area shall be had. It is specifically agreed and understood that the properties of the Nantahala Power & Light company shall remain under private control and operation and therefore the same will be taxable as at present.

16. Can this contract affect our tax rate?

No. This contract will not affect our tax rate for it provides that the properties owned by the Nantahala Power & Light company will be taxable for the period of the next 20 years.

17. Is there sufficient room for the records of the Clerk of the Court and for the Register of Deeds?

No. The vaults in which the records covering all property in Macon county are now stored are now full to overflowing and immediate arrangements must be made for additional space which is not available in the present courthouse building.

18. Are the vaults now in use adequate protection against fire?

No. In the event of the destruction of the courthouse building by fire, it is altogether likely that all deed records, mortgage records, and other public records would be totally destroyed or seriously damaged. These records could not be replaced.

19. Do the tax records of Macon county have any sort of fire protection?

No. There is at present no space in which the tax records of Macon county are protected against fire. In the event of their destruction, the actual cash loss to Macon county would probably exceed the amount of the proposed bond issue.

20. Do the records of the Superintendent of Schools, the Health Department, and other branches of the county administration have fire protection?

None whatever.

21. How many offices is the county now having to rent on account of inadequate office space?

There is no space available in the present courthouse for the welfare department or the health department. The county is now required to provide for both of these departments and is now renting space in a private building to take care of these.

22. What is the cost per month?

\$54.50.

23. Will a new courthouse be built?

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Much Interest Develops, But Registration Is Light

Voters of Macon county will go to the polls Tuesday, September 2, to decide whether the county shall have a new courthouse and jail. Only those persons who have registered for this election will be allowed to vote.

The matter to be voted upon is the issuance of \$60,000 in bonds to be repaid over a period of 30 years in order to enable the county to sponsor a WPA project for the construction of a new courthouse and jail. This project would be paid for mostly with federal funds, the county paying one-third and the federal government paying two-thirds the total cost, which is not to exceed \$150,000.

Registration Light

The registration for the county as a whole has been rather light but considerable interest has been shown in some townships, especially in Franklin.

The polls will be open in the various townships from 7 a. m. until 7 p. m.

If a majority of those voting are in favor of issuing the bonds the project will be submitted to WPA officials for approval as soon as possible. The county commissioners have been given the assurance of WPA officials that if the bond issue is passed there will be no delay in obtaining a WPA grant.

Commissioners Favor Bonds

As the time drew near for the election the county commissioners and several prominent citizens, all considerable property holders and taxpayers, spoke out to express publicly their approval on the bond issue.

The commissioners, in a series of questions and answers printed in adjoining columns, expressed the opinion that it would be only a matter of time before the county would be compelled to erect a new courthouse. With a WPA grant now available, they added, the cost to the county would involve an increase in taxes not exceeding seven cents, and probably this will not become necessary in view of increases in the county's tax revenue which will soon develop on account of the Nantahala hydro-electric development. If construction of the building is delayed, the commissioners declared, it may entail an increase in taxes running as high as 21 cents.

Billings Approves

Among others who voiced their opinions publicly were M. D. Billings, former superintendent of schools, and John M. Harrison, mayor of Franklin.

"I am decidedly in favor of a bond issue to provide funds for a much needed new courthouse while WPA aid is available," said Mr. Billings. "An adequate building to meet the demands of the county's business would mean a tremendous saving in efficiency. The building of a new courthouse, I believe, would stimulate interest in new school buildings likewise, to meet modern demands. I am in favor of new schools both for Franklin and Highlands. If the courthouse bonds should fail, efforts for new schools would be like a house of cards. The fact of a new courthouse and new school buildings would add materially to property valuations, because new people would buy property here whose chief objection to moving to Franklin is the dilapidated courthouse which gives the impression that we are not a progressive community."

Said Mayor Harrison: "We should build a new courthouse by all means, while we can obtain a large grant of federal funds, rather than have to build it without this help later on. The increased tax valuations in the county should take care of the bonds with fair assessments for all alike."

Several persons known to oppose the bond issue were approached by a representative of The Press but declined to speak for publication.

IRAN SUES FOR PEACE

(Special)—Iran Government will sue for peace it was announced late this afternoon. Reports from Berlin stated that the Iran government would seek an armistice with the British and Russian governments.