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# NEW BANK OF FRANKLIN COMPLETED

## George Carpenter

### Dies Suddenly At Home Of Heart Attack

The many friends of George Carpenter were shocked to learn on Friday morning that he had died of a heart attack on the previous night at 10:30 o'clock at his home on Palmer street, after an illness of only four hours. He had been on the street every day, and appeared to be in good health.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Baptist church, of which he was a member, on Saturday afternoon, November 29, at 2 o'clock. Officiating were the Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor, assisted by the Rev. J. L. Stokes, of the Methodist church, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, of the Episcopal church, and the Rev. Hubert Wardlaw, of the Presbyterian church. Interment was in the Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ras Penland, John Bingham, Harley R. Cabe, A. B. Slagle, Lester Henderson, and W. T. Moore.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Franklin Bar association, as follows: Guy Houk, Gilmer A. Jones, Thad D. Bryson, Homer J. Stockton, Richard S. Jones, and W. L. McCoy.

Mr. Carpenter was 69 years old, having been born December 5, 1872 in the Tesenta section of Macon county. He was the son of Jack and Sallie Bradley Carpenter. He moved to Franklin in 1915, and had served as justice of the peace for 38 years. He had married more couples in this county than any other magistrate.

His early life was spent on the farm when he conducted a general merchandise store, restaurant and bakery. Later, he operated the Franklin hotel for a number of years. He served as magistrate up to the time of his death.

On December 25, 1895, he married Miss Frances Talley, of Highlands, who died eight years ago. Children surviving from that union are: Edgar J. Carpenter of Franklin; Mrs. G. Frank Johnson, of Leaksville; Wiley Carpenter, of Hickory; George D. Carpenter, Jr., of Valdese, and nine grandchildren.

In 1936 he married Miss Lella Wiggins, of Macon county, and she, with a small daughter, Fanny, also survive. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. George Scroggs, of Commerce, Ga.

### Passes Suddenly



**GEORGE CARPENTER**  
Justice of the Peace for Macon County for Over 40 Years

### Fire Station

#### To Be Built At Once On Iotla Street

A fire station that will be a weather-proof, fire-proof structure will be built at once, according to a statement released by the special committee of the town board on Wednesday afternoon.

Rickman, chairman, M. D. Billings and T. W. Angel, made the announcement yesterday afternoon, immediately after their meeting, with other members of the town board concurring. "A building will be provided which will efficiently house the town's fire-fighting electric truck and apparatus so that it will be instantly available at all times, at the shortest notice and under any circumstances," said Mr. Billings, when interviewed.

## New Bank of Franklin Building



The above building replaces the old building destroyed by fire on November 10, 1940. S. Grant Alexander and Associates of Asheville were the architects.

## OPENING AT EARLY DATE

### Handsome Building Has Every Facility For Modern Banking

The people of Franklin and Macon county have watched with keen interest the handsome new structure of the Bank of Franklin and Harve Bryant rise on the ashes of the old building that was destroyed by fire late Saturday afternoon, December 10, 1940.

Inspection of the building will show the success with which the new edifice has replaced the old. The Directors and officers set out to construct the new bank not only to meet present needs of modern business but to provide for the normal growth of a county richly endowed with undeveloped resources and already in the path of national progress and publicity.

#### Formal Opening At Early Date

The formal opening of the Bank, at which time the public will be invited to inspect the entire building, has been temporarily delayed owing to delay in shipment of some equipment. The directors will announce the day in the near future. The move into the building will probably be accomplished during the coming week. The bank has had temporary quarters in the Macon Theatre building.

The building is one of the most substantial structures in Western North Carolina, which will repay the builders many times for their judgment and foresight. A handsome building pays dividends on the investment, not only in rentals but in economy of upkeep and in attracting new business.

The framework is constructed of steel, reinforced concrete and brick and is as nearly as possible fire proof. An automatic sprinkler system was installed by the Industrial Automatic Sprinkler Co. of High Point. The Dave Steel company of Asheville furnished the steel which is the most efficient type of construction as well as economical and fire resisting.

S. Grant Alexander and Associates of Asheville were the architects.

W. T. Tippett was contractor for the entire building and W. G. Hall and Ed Erwin contracted the heating and plumbing. Local firms furnishing materials were Franklin Hardware company, Macon County Supply company, Reeves Hardware company, Zickgraf Hardware company, Nantahala Power and Light company.

The exterior of the building is of light pressed brick with windows and doors of fine architectural effect as well as durable quality. The floor of the lobby is of terrazzo tile and the floor of the work space is concrete with asphalt tile.

#### Modern Interior

The entire layout is the last word in modern bank construction, from the seven-ton door of the big safety deposit vault to the pistol pockets under every cashier's window. The screen around the work space has a base of marble and a wainscoting and ledge of native walnut. A chromium, satin finished grille tops the screen. Stock cabinets are built in beneath the deal shelf, and concealed fluorescent lighting under every window, as well as overhead.

The consultation room is on the front, directors' room and private offices and rest rooms are at the rear. There is a second vault for books and records.

The entire building is equipped with concealed radiators underneath the windows.

The offices on the second floor reached by a stairway rising from the lobby are occupied by the town of Franklin, Dr. W. L. Rogers, Dr. J. L. West, Dr. Frank M. Killian; law offices of Jones and Jones, Thad D. Bryson and Guy L. Houk and the offices of the Building and Loan Association.

### Baptist Ministers To Meet Monday

The Baptist ministers will hold their conference in the church 10:30 a. m., Monday, December 8. Lunch will be served and Bible study will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. F. Rogers on the topic, "The Holy Spirit, His Personality and Work," after lunch.



**HENRY W. CABE**  
Cashier and Director



**GEORGE DEAN**  
Assistant Cashier



**GROVER JAMISON, JR.**  
Clerk



**LAWRENCE LINER**  
Former Assistant Cashier

### C. Of C.

#### Has Record Year Serving Town And Tourists

Completing the most successful year in its brief history, figures compiled by the information booth of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce during the past season, indicate that Franklin had a larger share of the tourist trade than ever before.

This service to the community also showed that the activities of the chamber of commerce brought an increase of travel in this section.

Ben Woodruff is president, Tillery T. Love, secretary, and Mrs. Thomas J. Johnston was hostess at the booth.

The number of states registered was 43 as against 37 the previous year, also four foreign countries. Of the almost 4,000 visitors at the booth who were given helpful information of every kind, 2,644 signed the register. These figures are practically double those of 1940. Folders distributed numbered 8,000. The booth's service to boarding houses and hotels was perhaps the most valuable. Tourists were given full information as to rates and location to suit their individual needs, and places were found for strangers to stay when the town was crowded. This brought patronage to a greater number of guest houses than ever before.

### Last Rites For Joseph C. Mason

Funeral services for Joseph C. (Dock) Mason were held at Cowee Baptist church Sunday, November 30 at 11 o'clock. Burial was in Balsam Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Mason was born in Leatherman community, October 13, 1879. He was the son of the late Jacob and Nancy Beasley Mason.

He is survived by the widow, the former Miss Flora Woods of Jackson county, three sons, J. C., Jack, and an infant; three daughters, Mrs. Christine Ensley of Knoxville, Tenn., Geneva and Maxine; six brothers, Franklin of California, Charlie of Denver, Colo., W. R. (Dutch) of Franklin, Route 3, Walter and Arthur of Asheville, and Buel of Leatherman, and six sisters, Mrs. John Frizzell and Webster, Mrs. J. B. Matlock and Mrs. S. C. Leatherman of Franklin Route 3, Mrs. B. Alexander of Greens Creek, Mrs. Arthur Cagle of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. E. O. Rickman, of Leatherman, and two grandchildren.

### J. B. Ledbetter Killed In Lyman, Wash.

W. C. Ledbetter of Franklin Route 2, received a telegram last Saturday morning, stating that his brother, J. B. Ledbetter of Lyman, Wash., had been killed in an automobile accident there. A former resident of Macon county, Mr. Ledbetter had lived in the state of Washington for 27 years. No further details of the tragedy have been received by the family here.

### Tax Listers

#### Appointed By Board For Next Year

The Macon County Commissioners have appointed the tax listers for the year 1942. The following men will serve in their respective townships: Franklin, Harley Stewart; Ellijay, C. B. Bryson; Mills, J. R. Franklin; Sugarfork, Eraz Shook; Highlands, Fred Edwards; Flats, Ray Dryman; Smiths-bridge, J. E. Cabe; Cartoogechaye, J. W. Roane; Nantahala, J. R. Shields; Burningtown, J. A. Wild; Cowee, Carr Bryson.

### City Of Childhood

#### To Be Shown At Court House December 4

The Loyal Order of Moose will show a five-reel moving, talking picture made by the children of Mooseheart Home at the court house in Franklin on Thursday evening, December 4, at 7:30 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend and see the world's outstanding City of Childhood in action. There will be no collection.

### Recapping Shop Moved To New Quarters Here

The Recapping Shop that has been located on the Georgia Road has moved into the Pay-and-Take-It building in Franklin, across the street from Cunningham's filling station, and wish all their friends to visit them in their new home.

### Fontana Dam

#### Appropriation Recommended Wednesday

Washington, Dec. 3.—The house appropriations committee today recommended appropriations for new generating plants for defense industries which included a \$50,000,000 appropriation for the Fontana dam and reservoir to be built on the Little Tennessee river just across the boundary of Macon county in Graham and Swain counties.

### Franklin Scouts Receive Many Awards At Court

At the Scout Court of Honor for the Smoky Mountain District held Monday night, December 1 at the Franklin Methodist church the following scouts received awards. The badges were presented by various scout officials and interested persons. The awards received by the various boys are as follows: tenderfoot, Charles Warren, Philip Jones, and Glen Weldon Dillard of Sylva, and Bobby Guy, Neville Norton, and Dick Guy of Franklin. Second class, Bernard Womack of Franklin; first class, W. P. Constance, of Franklin; Merit badges, Charles Bird, Cullowhee; James Hunt, Highlands; Paul Lee Plemmons, Franklin; Carroll Brown, Cullowhee; Star Scouts, John Cunningham, Sylva; Life Scout, John Corbin, Jr., Sylva; and Eagle Scout, Jack Angel, of Franklin.