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FRANKLIN BANK ASSETS GROW \$600,000 IN 1945

All Directors Re-elected At Stockholders' Annual Meet

The Bank of Franklin ended the year with total assets of more than \$600,000, an increase of \$600,000 from the total assets at the end of 1944, the bank's stockholders declared at their annual meeting held at the bank Wednesday morning.

Henry W. Cabe, cashier, reported to the stockholders that the year just ended was an exceptionally good one for the bank, enabling the directors to declare a 12 per cent dividend.

The institution's assets at the end of 1944 totaled \$1,458,200, as compared with \$2,076,567 as of December 31, 1945, he said.

During the year the demand deposits grew from \$1,332,434 to \$1,950,334.

The stockholders re-elected all the directors, as follows: C. F. Moody, M. L. Dowdle, H. W. Cabe, Dr. W. A. Rogers, Fred M. Arnold, Grover Jamison, and R. S. Jones.

The directors will meet next Thursday evening to elect the bank's officers for the coming year.

M. L. Dowdle presided at the stockholders' meeting.

Olson, Back From Army, Resumes His Forest Post

John J. Olson, who has been in the army for the past three years, has been discharged, and Monday resumed his duties here as timber management assistant of the Nantahala National forest. He will be joined here later by Mrs. Olson.

Mr. Olson, who spent 13 months in the European theater as a sergeant in an armored division, was with the Nantahala forest office for two years before entering the army, working out of the headquarters office here.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The seven prisoners in jail here came very near making their escape last Wednesday night by sawing the bars in the window. Prisoners have every opportunity to get out of jail, for almost any day tools could be conveyed to them in the jail by which they could cut out. Unless there is some change in privileges allowed outsiders, there will not be a single prisoner kept till court.

Mr. Lewis and Miss Isabel Elias left Thursday to return to their studies, the former at Trinity college and the latter at Salem college.

Miss Bertha Gaston left Thursday to return to Asheville Female college.

25 YEARS AGO

The Community club held a very enjoyable meeting at the school house. The officers are Mrs. W. B. McGuire, president; Mrs. M. D. Billings, vice-president; Mrs. Zeb Conley, secretary; and Mrs. Tom Johnston, treasurer.

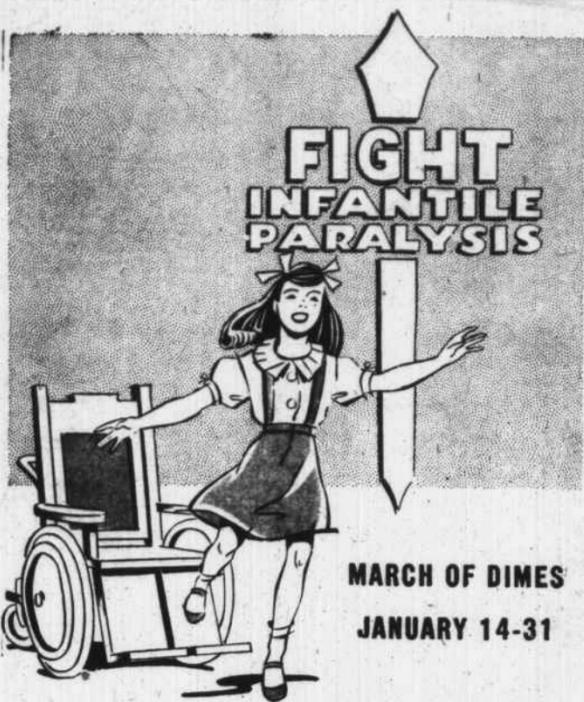
Miss Clara Gaston Ingram, of Franklin, Route 4, and Dr. William M. Fuller, of Athens, Ga., were married in Athens, Ga., on January 9.

A beautiful event of very cordial interest was the marriage of Miss Lois Davis and Mr. Alonzo Douglass Bolton. The wedding was solemnized Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis, Highlands.

10 YEARS AGO

The new Franklin Post office was completed this week. The Nantahala National Forest service will occupy the upstairs.

Everett and Guy Knoxvill,



FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

MARCH OF DIMES JANUARY 14-31

Urges

People To Support March Of Dimes Campaign

Pointing to the ravages of infantile paralysis, and emphasizing the good work of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Mayor T. W. Angel this week issued a proclamation calling on the people of Franklin to back the March of Dimes campaign, which opens next Monday.

The proclamation follows: "Whereas, the disease of infantile paralysis rages in many cities of our nation every year, leaving in its wake hundreds, even thousands, of stricken men, women, and children, many of them crippled for life, and

"Whereas, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, by assuring care and treatment for all victims of poliomyelitis and by carrying on its great program of research for the prevention and possible cure of this virulent disease, has earned the overwhelming gratitude of the American people, and

"Whereas, the March of Dimes, conducted annually by the National Foundation, will be held January 14 to 31,

"Therefore, be it resolved that all citizens are urged to cooperate with the March of Dimes in Franklin, to deposit their gifts in collection boxes set up by the committee, or to send them to: March of Dimes, Franklin."

Nantahala Forest District Rangers Hold 3-Day Meet

District rangers of the Nantahala National forest were here Monday through Wednesday for a planning conference, at which Supervisor E. A. Schilling presided.

Attending the meeting were John H. Stanley, of Andrews, the Nantahala district ranger; Cline E. Woody, of Murphy, Tusquitee district ranger; and John Wasilik, Jr., of Franklin, ranger of the Wayah district.

Work plans for the forest are outlined for a 12-month period at the beginning of each fiscal year, and a second plans conference about the first of the year usually is held, it was explained, to modify the program to conform with changes in conditions that have occurred during the first half of the year.

Former M. P. Takes Post On Police Force Here

Reno Moses, a Macon county man who recently was given his discharge from the army, has been employed by the town as night policeman.

Mr. Moses spent five years in the army, the last four as a member of the military police. When he was discharged, he held the rank of sergeant. He is serving under Homer Cochran, chief of police, who has the day shift.

The condition of Miss Grace Angel, who was accidentally shot with a 22 rifle on New Year's day, is reported to be satisfactory.

'THE TERRACE' PURCHASED BY HERMAN DEANS

Tourist Hotel Established By Willis Changes Hands Twice

The Franklin Terrace, one of the largest and best known tourist hotels here, has been purchased by Herman Dean, and will be operated by Mrs. Dean, it was announced this week.

The purchase price was not announced, but revenue stamps on the deed, which was put on record this week, indicate that the consideration was approximately \$25,000.

The property was sold by Mrs. Watkins, of Albany, Ga., to Guy L. Houk, and Mr. Houk, in turn, sold it to Mr. Dean.

The Deans already have occupied The Terrace, and have the main building open now. Mrs. Dean said it would be operated along the same lines as in the past, but added that she has reached no decision as to whether she will serve meals. She is serving the weekly dinner, however, to the Franklin Rotary club.

The Terrace formerly was the Franklin school building, known as "the academy", and over the front door is the date 1887. About 30 years ago, the Willis bought the property and turned it into a hostelry. Under their management, it became widely known among summer tourists.

Today, in the main structure, the annex, and the three cabins, there are accommodations for about 50 guests. It has central heating, and every room has private bath.

After operating it for about 25 years, the Willis sold The Terrace in 1939 or 1940 to H. H. Hirsch, who made many improvements. He sold it to Mrs. Watkins two or three years ago, and she has leased it. Last summer it was leased and operated by Mrs. Houk.

Mrs. E. McCoy, Former Macon Teacher, Dies

Mrs. Eva Viola McCoy, 43, wife of J. D. McCoy, of Glenville, formerly of Gneiss, Macon county, died in the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem on Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock, where she had been taken on Tuesday.

Mrs. McCoy, who was the former Miss Eva Byrd, daughter of John C. Byrd and the late Mrs. Lucy Morrison Byrd, of the Tellico community, was born August 29, 1902. She had lived all her life in Macon county until 10 years ago when she moved to Glenville, Jackson county.

Mrs. McCoy, prior to her marriage, taught in the public schools in Macon county for several years. She was a member of the Pine Grove Baptist church and a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Glenville chapter.

Funeral services were held at the Oak Grove Baptist church on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. C. C. Welch and the Rev. Theron Slagle, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers, all nephews, —Continued on Page Eight

MRS. BARNARD DIES AT IOTLA

Funeral Held On Sunday; Macon Native Never Had Left County

Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie Ray Barnard, 78, were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Iotla Methodist church. The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor, officiated, assisted by Jim Swafford. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Barnard died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Poindexter, in the Iotla community, Saturday morning at 5 o'clock, following an illness of 10 days. She suffered a stroke of apoplexy on Christmas day.

Born in the Burningtown section of Macon county on September 15, 1867, she was a daughter of the late Wilburn and Mrs. Eunice Ray. She was a life-long resident of Macon county and during her 78 years, she had never been outside of the county. She was married to Laxton Barnard, who died seven years ago. She was a member of the Iotla Methodist church.

The pallbearers were Ed Poindexter, Zeb Welch and R. L. Poindexter, Jr., grandsons, and Don Shuler, Milas Bennett and Ted Campbell.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Poindexter, and Mrs. Ell Welch, both of Franklin, Route 3; and one son, Billy Barnard, of Franklin, Route 3. Also 15 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Henry Bryant, of Franklin, Route 3, survive.

Potts funeral directors were in charge of arrangements.

T. E. L. Class To Hold Supper On January 18

The T. E. L. Class of the Franklin Baptist church will entertain with a supper on Friday night, January 18, at 7 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Peek.

Husbands of the class members are invited to attend. Also members of the Judge Autrey Bible class have been invited to meet with the group for supper. A business meeting will be held during the evening.

Mrs. Jones, 92, Is Second In Family To Die In 4 Days

Mrs. Mary Ann Peek Jones, 92, believed to have been the oldest woman in Macon county, died last Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock.

She was the second member of her family to die within a four-day period, her sister, Mrs. Mildred Peek Evans, 76, having died Friday of last week.

Mrs. Jones, affectionately known to many friends as "Aunt Ann", had been in ill health for the past 12 years. She died at the home of her son-in-law, W. A. Keener, and Mrs. Keener, of the Gneiss community, with whom she made

her home.

The daughter of William C. and Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson Peek, she married the late Lem Jones in 1882. He died several years ago.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. James I. Vinson, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, and Mrs. Dora Peedy, of Gneiss.

The funeral services were held at the cemetery of the Walnut Creek Baptist church, of which Mrs. Jones was a member. The Rev. Frank Holland, of Cullasaja, officiated.

Bryant funeral directors were in charge of arrangements.

Forest Service Regional Heads Visit Franklin

J. M. Kircher, regional forester, and L. L. Bishop, assistant regional forester, both of the Atlanta regional office of the U. S. Forest service, were in Franklin Wednesday for conferences with officials of the Nantahala National forest.

From here, they went to Asheville to visit the headquarters of the Pisgah forest.

BOARD CANCELS 1916 TOWN BOND

\$1,000 Debt - Certificate Had Been Held In Sinking Fund

The Franklin board of aldermen, at its monthly meeting Monday night, had the pleasant task of authorizing the mayor to cancel a matured \$1,000 bond of the town.

The bond was part of a \$10,000 issue sold by the town 30 years ago for public improvements, and bore the signatures of the late Thomas J. Johnston as mayor, and C. W. Hames as clerk. It was bought by the board, with sinking fund money, several years ago, and held in the sinking fund pending maturity, the town having saved considerable in interest by the purchase.

Eight thousand dollars of the old bond issue was paid in 1940, and there was one remaining \$1,000 bond outstanding, but town officials did not know who the owner is. Thursday, however, the bond arrived at the bank for collection, and Clerk E. W. Long wrote a check for it, thus paying in full the old 1916 issue of \$10,000. It is anticipated that the aldermen, at their next meeting, will authorize the burning of the 10 bonds.

The board voted to accept a non-interest bearing loan from the federal government of about \$700 for advance planning for the street, water, and sewer improvement program that is planned. The loan will be repaid from funds derived from the sale of the bonds recently approved for the street-water-sewer project.

The question was raised as to whether Bob Sanders and D. L. Johnson, Macon county ex-servicemen who recently announced purchase of the Franklin Amusement parlor, could be permitted to sell beer for the remainder of this fiscal year under the license issued to the former owner. It was pointed out, however, that the state law provides that a beer license is not transferable.

Commissioners

Vote To Aid On Street Work By County Lot

The board of county commissioners, at its meeting Monday, voted to cooperate with the Town of Franklin in the construction of a street between Main and church streets, and running alongside the county's property.

The street, now an alley, would run north and south, passing just east of the old Johnson-Porter building on West Main street, and just west of the county's property on which the Agriculture building stands. The county property extends from Church to Main street, and it is presumed that the Main street end of the lot will be the site of the new Macon county courthouse, when one is built.

The matter was presented to the commissioners by Mayor T. W. Angel and Alderman C. L. Pendergrass, and, after discussion, the commissioners voted to pay 50 per cent of the cost of building the street, provided the county's share not exceed \$2,500.

The board approved a contract with R. C. Birmingham, Charlotte auditor, to audit the county's books for the sum of \$550.

A county license to sell beer was issued to Bob Sanders and D. L. Johnson, doing business at the Franklin Amusement parlor, and the board approved a petition —Continued on Page Eight

4.61-INCH RAIN CAUSES FLOODS; MERCURY AT 69

Tennessee Bottoms Under Water Fifth Day; One Family Uses Boat

Rainfall that may have set a record, floods, and freakishly high temperatures were highlights of this week's offerings of Old Man Weather.

From Saturday night until Wednesday morning, the rain fell almost constantly, an average of about an inch and a third falling every 24 hours during that period. The total for the approximately 84 hours was 4.64 inches.

Then Wednesday morning the sun came out and sent the temperature, mild during the entire week, up to 69 degrees. Thursday morning, much the coolest this week, the low temperature reading was 39, but a warm sun pushed the mercury up rapidly.

The heavy rain, plus the snow on the mountains that the warm weather and the rain rapidly melted, quickly sent mountain streams up and up until all but the swiftest ones went out of banks.

By Sunday, the Little Tennessee at Franklin had flooded the bottomlands along both banks, and by Monday the entire river valley, as far as the eye could see from the bridge here, was a lake. The Franklin airport was covered with water, backed all the way to the town limits, and, as one wag put it, was quickly transformed into a "seaplane base". The Phillips sawmill below the Indian mound was in danger of having its logs floated downstream. And the Simons family, who live in the one-story house just east of the residence of Mrs. T. W. Angel, Sr., several days had to use a boat to get to and from their home.

Still Out Of Banks

The valley remained under water Wednesday, and most of it was still flooded Thursday, although the river was gradually receding.

As a result of the rain, the people of Highlands saw the ground for the first time since early December. Until the rains and warmer weather came, it had been covered with snow and ice, and even Monday there still was ice on the highway at the bottom of Bridal Veil falls—ice which had been there for more than a month.

That day the falls, ordinarily little more than a spray, was several times its normal size, while the usually clear Cullasaja river was a muddy roaring torrent.

The soil, soaked by snow and rain, refused to take up any more moisture, and all along the east side of the Franklin-Highlands highway the water ran off every rock, sometimes in big streams, while in many a place it gushed from the soil of the roadbank like a spring.

The flood in Franklin was not comparable, persons here said, with that of about five years ago, when bridges all over Western North Carolina were washed away, but it was said that never before, perhaps, had the river kept the valley flooded for so long a period.

The official high air temperature readings and precipitation for each of the past six days, and the low temperature for Thursday are listed below:

	High	Low	Prec.
Friday	58	30	0
Saturday	58	43	0
Sunday	61	51	2.01
Monday	66	56	1.24
Tuesday	67	53	.31
Wednesday	69	59	.48
Thursday	—	39	—

Note: The precipitation figures cover the rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m. on the dates shown.

Mrs. O. C. Bryant, two sons, Pfc. Ciel Bryant, and Cullen Bryant, and Harve Bryant, who have been visiting their son and brother, Kenneth Bryant, Q. M., a patient in the naval hospital at Corona, Calif., returned to their homes here Friday night. Young Mr. Bryant, who was seriously injured on V-J day, was reported to be much improved, but will have to remain in the hospital for several weeks yet.