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BRIAR CONCERN BUYS PROPERTY PLANT IS ON

Asheville Road Tract Is Bought By Pipe Firm From Mrs. Reid

Highlands Briar, Inc., this week purchased the property, on the north side of the Asheville road, a short distance east of the Town Bridge, on which its pipe plant is situated.

Stamps on the deed indicated the consideration for the 2.13 acres was approximately \$6,500.

The property fronts 247 feet on the Asheville road.

Two deals were involved. Mrs. Cora Reid purchased a part of the old Enloe place from John Burleson, and then made one deed for that property; plus the acreage she had leased to Highlands Briar. The property was conveyed to Milton M. Monderer, who is president of Highlands Briar, Inc.

The plant, which is under the management of Marion Perse, was established here in May, 1944, and now employs 94 persons. During the dry seasons, when large groups are at work in the woods, the number on the pay roll runs as high as 138.

The firm utilizes rhododendron and laurel burl, obtained in this area, to manufacture pipes for smokers. It also uses some imported briar.

Dr. Fouts Improving After Major Operation

Dr. J. H. Fouts, who recently underwent a serious operation at the Angel hospital, is still in the hospital, but has recovered sufficiently to be up for a short period each day. His son, Dover R. Fouts, of Burnsville spent the first of the week with him.

Mrs. R. L. Gregory, of Franklin, underwent an operation at Angel clinic Wednesday.

Do You Remember ...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

January and June—Will be married this morning at 9 o'clock, the Rev. J. T. Wade, officiating, Maj. W. H. Higdon, of Ellijay, and Miss Charlotte Mathis, of Franklin. The groom is 79 years of age and the bride 25, so we learn.

W. R. Johnson, the popular hat drummer, came home Saturday and is interviewing our merchants.

The Nantahala mountains were robbed in white last Friday morning.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from the Graded School paper:

Officers elected for the S. S. S. Literary society of the Franklin graded school were: Allen Siler, president; Kate Penland, vice-president; "Speed" Thompson, secretary and treasurer; Mary McConnell, editor; and Weyman Crawford, assistant editor.

Miss Dean is very thoughtful. She keeps her clock alarming all during the day to keep Miss Edwards and the 8th grade awake.

For Sale: One set of 11th grade school books, in good condition. Have never been used. Dick Jones.

10 YEARS AGO

Charles Slagle and Andrew Jones, two Franklin boys, received the highest award in scouting—the Eagle scout badge—at a meeting of the Smoky Mountain district of the Daniel Boone council, Boy Scouts of America, held on Monday night at the Franklin Presbyterian church.

Miss Annie Will Siler, daughter of the late Dr. F. L. Siler and of Mrs. Siler, of Franklin, has attracted wide attention as a textile designer in New York, says an article published in the State Magazine.

Turner May, of Flats is undergoing treatment for anti-rabies as the result of a mad dog bite.

The Weather

The maximum and minimum temperatures and the amount of rainfall for each of the past seven days, and the minimum temperature and rainfall up to 8 a. m. on Thursday, follow:

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	55	30	0
Friday	62	20	T
Saturday	49	40	.10
Sunday	58	36	3.26
Monday	52	28	0
Tuesday	55	19	0
Wednesday	56	32	0
Thursday	—	36	.40

T—trace.
Rainfall figures cover 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. on day given.
Total rainfall for month, to date, 4.57 inches.
Total, for year, to date, 12.25 inches.

HATCHING EGGS MARKET GOOD

Greenville Concern Alone Seeks 100 Cases Weekly In This County

Indications are there will be a market for all the hatching eggs that can be produced in Macon County this season, Sam W. Mendenhall, county farm agent, said this week.

The Piedmont hatchery in Greenville, S. C., alone wants at least 100 cases of hatching eggs a week, Mr. Mendenhall said, while the Farmers Federation in Asheville wishes to buy more hatching eggs than it has been obtaining here.

The Piedmont hatchery, which has been buying some eggs here, would like to transfer to this county the business it has been taking to Yadkinville, provided it can obtain the eggs here from poultrymen who qualify to produce hatching eggs to meet its standards. It has been buying 100 cases a week in Yadkinville, would like to get them here, because Franklin is much closer to Greenville. Herbert McGlamery is representing the Piedmont concern here.

While the feed situation does not look bright, local feed dealers seem to feel, Mr. Mendenhall said, that they will be able to handle the situation fairly well until new crops are harvested. Meanwhile, flock owners can help themselves—and the national situation as well—by producing their own scratch grain, the county agent remarked.

"Now is the time," he suggested to poultry raisers, "to make arrangements for your baby chicks. February chicks make more money than chicks started in any other month."

"Clean out and repair the brooder house and furnace. The brooder house should be thoroughly washed with scalding lye solution. When dry, it should be sprayed with burnt motor oil and kerosene."

"See that you have at least two inches of hopper space for each chick and two drinking fountains per hundred. Provide for plenty of dry litter either bright straw, dry shavings or sand. Have your feed and water in the brooder house and the furnace or brooder going and regulated when the chicks arrive. Keep your brooder house warm, dry, clean, and well ventilated. The poultrymen who makes money will be the one who prevents trouble by rigid sanitation."

Baptist Ministers Plan Meet Monday At Mt. Hope Church

The Macon County Baptist Ministerial association will meet at the Mt. Hope Baptist church on Cartoogechaye on Monday, February 18, it has been announced by the Rev. W. C. Pipes, secretary.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 12 o'clock and adjourn at 2 o'clock. Immediately following lunch, which will be served by the ladies of the Mt. Hope church, the meeting will begin at 1 o'clock for a short business period for 15 minutes.

At 1:15 o'clock an open forum will be held, and at 1:35 the principal address of the conference will be delivered by the Rev. Charles E. Parker, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church. The Rev. William L. Sorrells, president of the association, will preside.

L. B. PHILLIPS IS CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

Franklin Business Man Is First Democrat Out For County Post

Louis B. Phillips, Franklin business man, this week announced that he is a candidate for sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary May 25.

Though he is the second Macon county man formally to announce for office, he is the first out for a county office. Thad D. Bryson, Jr., last week came out for solicitor of this district.

There is widespread discussion among Democrats of possible candidates for county offices, and other announcements are expected to follow that of Mr. Phillips within the next fortnight. The Republicans also held a primary, but, as a rule, the ticket selected at their county convention is unopposed in the primary.

J. P. Bradley, the present sheriff, a Republican, has not announced whether he will seek to succeed himself.

Mr. Phillips is a native of Macon County and has spent his entire life here. The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Phillips, he is a graduate of the Franklin High school.

For 15 years, he was in the automobile repair business here, and for the past five years has been engaged in the coal business. He and Mrs. Phillips, the former Miss Nina Setser, and their two children live on West Main street, in Franklin.

He is a member of the Franklin board of aldermen, that being the only public office he ever has sought. He will resign from the board if elected sheriff, he said.

3-Inch

Rain Here Sets Little Tennessee Out Of Banks Again

A total of 3.26 inches of rain fell here during the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. last Sunday morning, official figures compiled by Weather Observer Guy L. Houk show.

The downpour resulted in the flooding of the entire Little Tennessee valley again, the second time in recent weeks.

As of Thursday, the total rainfall this month stood at 4.57 inches, bringing the total for the first month and a half of 1946 to 12.25 inches.

Stewart, Palmer Open Electrical Appliance Store

Red (D. A.) Stewart and John L. Palmer Tuesday opened for business under the firm name of Stewart's Electrical Appliance store.

The new store is on East Main street, in the Leach building storeroom formerly occupied by The Tavern. The firm will carry Westinghouse products.

Mr. Palmer, who will be in active charge, returned to Franklin last June, after 43 months' service in the army air forces. During his 15 months in the European theatre and in the Pacific, he won the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters. Since returning home, he has been connected with the Nantahala Power and Light company.

Mr. Stewart, the other partner, will continue to operate his service station.

McIntyre, Former Macon Resident, To Preach At Iotla

The Rev. G. T. McIntyre, of Kannapolis, former resident of Macon County, will preach at the Iotla Baptist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it was learned here this week.

Mr. McIntyre is a graduate of Mars Hill college and of the Baptist Bible institute, New Orleans, La. He has held charges in Louisiana and Mississippi, besides those in North Carolina.

The public is invited to attend this service.

Forms Available For Vets Seeking To Build Homes

Application forms now are available here for veterans who wish to obtain priorities for building materials, with which to build homes, it was announced this week by Bob Sloan, veterans service officer, who has the forms at his office in the courthouse.

All building material recently was frozen again, and one of the purposes of this latest freeze was to give preference to veterans for home building.

WOULD DEVELOP LAKES REGION

Forest Planner To Make Recreation Survey Of TVA Shorelines

The U. S. Forest service plans a thorough survey of the shorelines of TVA lakes in this area, lying within the Nantahala National forest, with a view to recreational development of the forest lands touching the lakes. Clinton Johnson, Appalachian region recreational planner of the Forest service, said here this week.

Mr. Johnson, who has just arrived to make his headquarters in Franklin, pointed out that a second program of his department calls for the rehabilitation of the recreational units already established in the forest, but which have had to be established during the war years.

He emphasized, however, that the immediate job is a study of the situation, and that any development work must await appropriations by congress.

Recreation is only one of the multiple uses of the forest, Mr. Johnson pointed out, its chief purpose being the growth of timber. But he sees the entire Appalachian area as having vast recreational potentialities, with the people of the whole Eastern United States waiting to take advantage of the opportunities that may be afforded.

Mr. Johnson, who spent considerable time in Franklin between 1938 and 1942, plans to move his family here at the close of this school year. They have been making their home in Holly Springs, Miss. A son, who is serving overseas, hopes to obtain his discharge in time to join the family in Franklin in June.

16 Boy Scouts

On Honor Court Promotion List

Sixteen Franklin Boy Scouts were scheduled to receive promotions at the court of honor held at Bryson City Thursday night.

The Scouts, and their new ranks, are:

Manuel Holland, first class; Charles Thomas, Frank Henry, III, and John M. Archer, Jr., second class; Allen Cartledge, Alvin Stiles, Kermit DeHart, Grady Thompson, Claude McFalls, Jack Reese, Bobbie Potts, Jimmy Rogers, and Jimmy Conley, tenderfoot; and Jim Waldroop, Charles Baldwin, and John Alsop, merit badges.

Sloan To Be Speaker At P. T. Meet Monday

Bob Sloan will be the guest speaker at the Franklin Parent-Teachers association meeting in the school auditorium Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, it has been announced by the program committee.

Mr. Sloan, recently returned from the European theater of war, will compare the educational systems of certain European countries with that in the United States.

The Rev. Charles E. Parker, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church will lead the devotional.

McClure Will Preach At Highlands Church

The Rev. R. McClure, of Asheville, will preach at the Highlands Presbyterian church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it has been announced by the Rev. J. B. Davidson, pastor.

400 Macon Veterans Drawing Jobless Pay

Old Clothes For War-Stricken Still Sought; Drive Will End Feb. 23

"I feel sure a great deal more old clothing will be brought in for the Victory Clothing collection", Jos. Ashcar, campaign chairman, said this week, adding that many persons have told him they have garments they plan to donate.

Meanwhile, the pile of old clothes in the courthouse continues to grow, with a large number of the bundles there having been collected by the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Donations should be taken to the courthouse, if possible, Mr. Ashcar said, or to the neighborhood store.

What is already on hand will be shipped shortly, he explained, and the balance immediately after the drive closes February 23.

He pointed out that "every housewife is a natural born collector . . . they have the instinct to save things for an emergency. Well, that instinct can save millions of lives in an emergency this year. Those stored-away clothes will be god-sends to the people in the war-torn countries."

"It is estimated that a hundred million people in Europe have only the clothes they wear on their backs—the same clothes they've worn for at least five years."

Death Takes Woman, 97, On Tesenta

Mrs. Martha A. Brown, 97, died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Nellie Brown Clouse, in the Tesenta section of Macon County Monday evening at 11 o'clock, following an illness of 15 years. Death was attributed to the infirmities of age.

Mrs. Brown, who was born in Tennessee September 2, 1848, was a daughter of the late William Peek and Elizabeth Mull Peek. She had lived almost her entire life in the Smith Bridge township. She was a member of the Dryman Chapel Baptist church.

Mrs. Brown was twice married. The first marriage was to a Mr. Buchanan and, following his death, she was married to John Brown, who died a number of years ago.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Dryman Chapel Baptist church, with the Rev. John Baty, of Highlands, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are three children, Mrs. Ernestine Keener and James Buchanan, by the first marriage and Clingman Brown by the latter marriage; 48 grandchildren, a number of great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

The pallbearers were Paul Brown, Jud Howell, Hayes Buchanan, Cecil Brown, Ralph Wood, and John Brown.

The funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Potts Funeral home.

NEW BAPTIST PASTOR AND FAMILY 'POUNDED'

Despite the downpour of rain on Friday evening, approximately 50 members of the Franklin Baptist church and invited friends gathered at the parsonage on White Oak street to "pound" their new pastor, the Rev. Charles E. Parker, and his family with a large variety of canned goods, and various other good things to eat.

The Parkers also received two new quilts made by members of the Adult class and the Young Ladies' class.

Connie Chambers, of Cornelia, Ga., is a patient at Angel clinic with two fractures of the jaw and a dislocated shoulder, resulting from an automobile accident on the Cowee mountain, just beyond the Macon county line, last Saturday. His condition is satisfactory.

Total On Unemployment Compensation List Growing Fast

Four hundred Macon County veterans are unemployed and drawing veterans' unemployment compensation. S. P. Davis, manager of the Bryson City office of the U. S. Employment service, said here Wednesday.

And the total number of veterans in this county on the compensation rolls is growing rapidly, he added.

The figure is the first official one to throw any definite light on the amount of unemployment among veterans here.

Under the GI Bill of Rights, a veteran of World War 2, if and when he is unable to find "suitable employment", is entitled to unemployment compensation of \$20 a week. The funds come from the federal treasury, and are administered in this state by the N. C. Unemployment Compensation commission and the U. S. Employment service.

Must Report Weekly

To qualify for compensation, the veteran must certify that he is able to work, and is available for work, but is unable to find a suitable job. A suitable job, it was explained, means one utilizing his skills. To continue to draw compensation, he must make this certification each week.

When he applies for compensation, it becomes the duty of the Employment service to interview him, classify him for employment on a basis of his training and experience, and then refer him to employers who can utilize his skills. A veteran may not be required, however, to accept employment requiring skill less than his own. A skilled worker, for example, may not be denied compensation because he refuses to accept work as a common laborer.

A number of veterans here, however, have accepted work, regardless of the skill required, or the amount the jobs paid, with a view to reserving their unemployment compensation rights for a possible period when jobs may be scarcer than they are today, USES officials report.

Good Up To 2 Years

Under the law, a veteran's unemployment compensation rights continue for a period of two years after the President has proclaimed the end of the war emergency. That is, the veteran may apply for compensation, if and when he becomes unemployed, at any time during the two years following the President's proclamation, which is yet to be issued.

The maximum compensation is 52 weeks. All veterans who have served as much as nine and a half months in the armed forces are entitled to compensation up to that maximum.

Mr. Davis or Mrs. Mary L. Walker, supervising interviewer of the Bryson City office, come to Franklin on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week to interview unemployed persons and to transact other business of the Employment service. The Bryson City office serves Southwestern North Carolina, from Jackson county west.

Boy Scout Group Gives Program At Rotary Meeting

Marking Boy Scout week, the Rotary club's Wednesday night meeting was given over to a Scout program.

Scout Master John Edwards, introduced three Scouts, each of whom spoke briefly. Frank Henry, III, described a typical troop meeting; John Alsop told the Rotarians what a Scout court of honor is like; and Jimmy Waldroop talked on what scouting means to a boy.

Scoutmaster Edwards listed the local troop's accomplishments during the past year, and discussed some of the coming year's objectives. On the program for this year, he said, is a tree-planting project, to serve as a memorial to former Boy Scouts who lost their lives in World War 2.

World production of petroleum in 1946 is expected to reach 552,000,000 gallons daily.