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FIRE DESTROYS ZICKGRAF BAND MILL

REGISTRATION FOR 1946 VOTE OPENS APRIL 27

New Executive Body Of Democrats To Meet Saturday At 2

Two political developments are scheduled for Saturday.

Registration of those whose names are not on the books will get under way that day and at 2 p. m. the new Macon County Democratic executive committee will hold an organization meeting at the courthouse. The committee is made up of the committee chairman and the chairmen of the precinct committees, chosen at the 11 precinct meetings last Saturday.

The registration period will continue until 6 p. m. on May 11, and J. J. Mann, chairman of the county board of elections, has pointed out that mail registration of persons in the armed services at the last election is not valid at this election—discharged service persons must have their names on the registration books.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Giles W. Cover, Democrat, of Andrews, has withdrawn as a candidate for state senator and announced that she will seek reelection at Cherokee county representative. This narrows the Democratic state senate race to two—A. L. Penland, of Hayesville, the incumbent, and Baxter C. Jones, of Byrson City.

E. J. Carpenter, Republican, of Franklin, this week also withdrew as a candidate for state senator, in favor of F. Herbert, of Clay county.

Do You Remember...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

We are informed that the Mormon elders who have been spending sometime in this county have left. It is said that they had some insinuating talk about some of our citizens that caused them to be waited upon by the persons concerned, and told to get out of the county in haste and they departed. It was not on account of their religion, but their talk that they were giving their walking papers.

Harry Swartzbury wants to buy all your bees-wax.

Simon Moore has been on the sick list for a week or two, and Dean Love was handling his razors in the barber shop Saturday.

25 YEARS AGO

We know some girls who are so lazy and trifling that they will lie in bed every morning and sleep, while their poor old, grey-haired mother gets up and prepares the morning meal. After they have crawled out and guffed down what mother has prepared, they again fold their hands in idleness or read some story paper while mother toils on cleaning up and making preparations for dinner. God have mercy on such useless specimens of humanity! We cannot understand why the mothers of such beings don't pick up a frail and lint their jackets and make them go to making themselves of some use around the home that gives them shelter. The man who is gulled into marrying one of these rocking-chair bouquets will have a useless piece of furniture around the place called home, and nine times out of ten will soon grow tired and seek other company.—Ex.

TEN YEARS AGO

Highlands: Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Trice have arrived in Highlands to prepare Highlands Inn and The Martin for the tourist season. Mr. and Mrs. Trice are from Thomasville, Ga., and have been operating Highlands Inn for the past two seasons.

Management Area Streams Fishing Dates Announced

Re-stocked streams in the five cooperative wildlife management areas within the Nantahala National forest soon will be opened for trout fishing, on stated dates, it was announced this week at the Nantahala headquarters here.

The dates in each case will fall on Saturdays and Sundays, except that the streams in all five areas will be open on July 4.

The Cliffside area will be open each week-end from next Saturday through August. In the other four areas, the dates usually fall on every other week-end.

In addition to the state fishing license, a permit costing \$1 per day will be required. These permits may be obtained at designated checking stations on the streams. The hours of fishing will be 6 a. m. to sunset, the catch will be limited to 12 legal fish, with all trout less than seven inches to be returned to the water immediately, and the check of each fisherman must be recorded at the checking station before leaving the stream.

The dates and the situation of the checking stations for each of the five areas follow:

Standing Indian area, which covers the Nantahala River drainage area, warden station on stream at White Oak Bot-

toms. Streams open May 11 and 12, 25 and 26; June 8 and 9 and 22 and 23; July 4, 13 and 14, and 27 and 28; and August 10 and 11, 24 and 25, and 31.

Wayah Bald area, station at Airwood Glade. May 4 and 5 and 18 and 19; June 1 and 2, 15 and 16, and 29 and 30; July 4, 6 and 7, and 20 and 24; August 3 and 4, 17 and 18, and 31.

Big Santeeelah area:

Big and Little Santeeelah creeks, warden station on stream: May 4 and 5 and 18 and 19; June 1 and 2, 15 and 16, and 29 and 30; July 4, 13 and 14, and 27 and 28; August 10 and 11 and 24 and 25.

Slick Rock, Deep, Bear, and Barkers creeks, and Cheoah river, warden station at mouth of Barkers creek, on Highway 129: May 11 and 12 and 25 and 26; June 8 and 9 and 22 and 23; July 4, 6 and 7, and 20 and 21; and August 3 and 4, 17 and 18, and 31.

Cliffside area: Station at lake, every Saturday and Sunday from May 4 through August 31; also July 4.

Fire Creek area, at Warden station and at Bristol cabin: May 4 and 5 and 18 and 19; June 1 and 2, 15 and 16, and 29 and 30; July 4, 6 and 7, and 20 and 21; and August 3 and 4, 17 and 18, and 31.

SCHOOL TEAM WINS 2 GAMES

Youngsters And Oilers Only Softball Groups Now Undeclared

The undefeated Franklin school softball team continued to win last Thursday night and again on Monday evening.

The youngsters Monday licked the Rotarians by a single score, the final result being 15 to 14. On the previous Thursday they had beaten the Lions 19 to 5. In the other game Monday night, the Nantahala Power and Light company defeated the Lions 19 to 12. The second game of last Thursday evening resulted in a victory of 19 to 4 for the Rotarians over the power company.

The games played, won, lost, and the percentage of each team in the league to date follow:

Team	Games	Won	Lost	Percentage
School	3	3	0	1,000
Oilers	2	2	0	1,000
Rotarians	3	2	1	667
Legion	2	1	1	500
Burrell Motor	2	1	1	500
Nant. Pwr.	3	1	2	333
H'lands Briar	2	0	2	000
Lions	3	0	3	000

Herman Deans Purchase Macon Cafe From Tate

The Macon cafe, formerly Cagle's cafe, has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dean from J. Phil Tate, and the Deans, who have taken over its operation, this week announced plans for remodeling and redecorating. They also will continue to operate the Franklin Terrace, which they bought some months ago.

PLAN SING AT GOLD MINE

The Fourth Sunday Singing Convention will be held Sunday afternoon at the Gold Mine Baptist church, starting at 1:30 o'clock, it has been announced by Pritchard Russell, president. All singers and those interested in good singing are urged to attend.

Mrs. J. S. Sloan, who became seriously ill last Sunday, is slowly improving. While her condition is much better, it will be sometime before she is able to be up, members of her family said. Her son, W. N. Sloan, and her daughter, Miss T. Sloan, both of Atlanta, were summoned Sunday night. Mr. Sloan returned to Atlanta Monday night, and Miss Sloan left Wednesday evening.

F. Stockton, 20, Dies In Navy Hospital

Marshall Furman Stockton, 20, died last Saturday morning at 4:30 o'clock in a navy hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he had been a patient since March 20, of this year.

The body was brought to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stockton, Franklin, Route 2, Sunday afternoon, and funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Longview Baptist church, with the Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor on the Macon Methodist circuit, officiating. Burial followed in the Union church cemetery.

The pallbearers were C. B. Stockton, Thad Dowdle, D. J. Stockton, Wiley Holbrooks, J. Horner Stockton, and Wade Stockton, all uncles of the deceased.

Young Mr. Stockton entered the navy in February, 1944, and took his boot training at Bainbridge, Md. A hospital attendant, he served overseas for 16 months, two months of which he spent taking up the wounded. He was with the Third division of the marines on the front lines, and on Guam for 14 months. While on Guam, he underwent an operation in December, 1945, and was transferred from there to a number of hospitals for treatment.

Born April 5, 1926, he was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Stockton. He attended the Franklin High school and, prior to entering the navy, was employed at the Angel clinic as hospital attendant.

Surviving are the parents, who spent the past month with him in Brooklyn, the grandfathers, D. C. Stockton, of Clarksville, Ga., and J. M. Holbrooks, of Franklin, Route 2. Also a number of uncles and aunts.

Potts funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. J. B. Matlock, 70, Dies At Hospital Here

Mrs. Lily Belle Mason Matlock, 70, widow of J. Bowman Matlock, of the West's Mill section, died at Angel hospital Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, following an illness of four weeks. Funeral services will be held at the Snow Hill Methodist church Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The United States has 682 distinct species of trees.

\$300 IS SOUGHT IN COUNTY FOR CANCER DRIVE

Johnson Heads Campaign In Macon; Research, Education Planned

Macon County has been asked to raise \$300 for the work of the American Cancer society, and John A. Johnson has been named county chairman for the nation-wide campaign now under way. He was appointed by Mrs. George E. Marshall, state commander of the society's field army.

The funds being raised will be used for research into the cause—not yet understood—and cure of cancer, and for education.

In connection with the latter phase of the work, it is pointed out that cancer can be cured, if detected in time. But there are many persons in this county who are suffering from the dread disease, and don't know it, Mr. Johnson said. The educational campaign is designed to acquaint the public with the best means of discovering cancer in time.

The Bank of Franklin has agreed to serve as treasurer for the local campaign, and donations should be taken or mailed to H. W. Cabe at the bank. Checks should be made payable, Mr. Johnson said, to the American Cancer Society. Coin boxes for cash donations have been placed in various business establishments for the convenience of the public.

In announcing the local campaign, Mr. Johnson pointed out that cancer has become mankind's No. 1 enemy, and emphasized that a small gift today may result in saving the life, sometime in the future, of the donor or a member of his family.

Mr. Johnson especially called on leaders in school, church, and civic organizations to present the case for the fight against cancer to their groups.

Literature explaining the campaign in detail may be obtained at The Press office.

Kenney Child Taken By Death At Cartoogechaye

Bernadette Kenney, 12-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Kenney, died at her home in the Cartoogechaye community Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, following an illness of four months.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher and the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, both of Waynesville, officiating. Interment followed in the Cartoogechaye Baptist church cemetery.

The pallbearers were Edward Ledford, Broady Sweetman, Norman Greene, Junior Ledford, Edgar Quilliam and Robert Quilliam.

The flower girls included Annie Dills, Jane Beck, Marjorie Anderson, Henrietta Beck, Betty Anderson, Lexie Lee Elkins, Mabel Beck, and Alice Anderson.

Surviving are the parents and two sisters, Mrs. Charlie Franks, of Franklin, and Mrs. Josie McDeshena, of Baltimore, Md., and three brothers, Charlie, Coleman and Carnell Kenney, all of Cartoogechaye. Her maternal grandmother, Mrs. R. B. Dills, of Cartoogechaye, also survives.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Miss Sloan Directs Combined Choirs In Concert On Easter

Miss Dorothy Sloan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Sloan of Franklin, directed an Easter evening concert of the combined choirs of the Main Street and Community Methodist churches in Thomasville, according to a dispatch received here. Miss Sloan is director of music at the Main Street church.

Some 30 persons took part in the concert, which included 10 sacred and classical numbers.

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	76	38	0
Friday	84	36	0
Saturday	80	42	0
Sunday	83	42	0
Monday	77	45	0
Tuesday	85	44	0
Wednesday	76	50	.09

* Up to 6 p. m. Wednesday.

LACK OF WATER BIG DIFFICULTY

Crowd Hampers Firemen; Autos Ruin 4 Sections Of Fire Hose

The Franklin volunteer fire department battled the fire at the Zickgraf Hardwood company plant last Sunday under one difficulty after another.

First of all, Carl Tysinger, chief, explained, was lack of available water. The nearest fire hydrant is at the railway station. (Extension of water mains in that and other parts of the town is in the program for which bonds recently were voted.) The department attempted to reach this hydrant, but found the distance was greater than the length of hose.

Meanwhile, the power had to be cut off, eliminating use of the plant's pumps that normally bring water from the river.

Next the firemen sought to get water from the river, but the fire truck has to be within about 20 feet of the source to lift water effectively, and the nearest point at which the river could be reached was just below the Phillips bridge; then the hose had to be laid from that point down the railroad track to the fire.

More time was lost when the automobiles of spectators ran across the hose several times, bursting four sections of hose. These had to be removed and new connections made.

Finally, spectators frequently were in the way. In this connection, Mr. Tysinger appealed to the people of the town, in case of a future fire, not to rush close to the scene in their cars, blocking traffic, before the fire department can get there, and, once there, to remain a distance so as not to hamper the work of the fire fighters.

Normally, Mr. Tysinger said, the present equipment of the department would be sufficient. The equipment consists of a large truck with pump, on which 1,200 feet of hose is carried; a pick-up truck with about 200 additional feet of hose; and each truck is equipped with fire extinguishers. Chemical equipment is of little value, he added, on a fire of the type that occurred Sunday.

Had a fire hydrant been nearby, he said, the firemen could have had water on the blaze within a short time after it was discovered.

Pre-School

Clinics Being Held In This County

The pre-school clinics, which are sponsored annually by the parent-teacher associations, in cooperation with the county health department, are under way in this county.

Children entering school for the first time are required by state law to show certificates of immunization against diphtheria, whooping cough, smallpox, and typhoid. Dr. Mary Michal, assistant district officer, and Mrs. Alma K. McCracken, district nursing supervisor, are conducting the clinics.

Those in Franklin and Cowee already have been held.

Others are scheduled as follows:

Otto school, April 29; Chapel (Negro) school, May 6; Highlands, May 13; Kyle, May 20, and Otter Creek, May 20. All are set for 10 a. m., except that at Otter Creek, which will be held at 1 p. m.

Ninety per cent of middle western corn acreage is planted in hybrid varieties.

LOSS IN SUNDAY BLAZE \$35,000; WILL REBUILD

Employees Laid Off Till New Unit Can Be Installed

The band sawmill of the Zickgraf Hardwood company was destroyed Sunday afternoon by one of the worst fires in Franklin's history.

The loss, largely covered by insurance, was estimated by officials of the company at \$35,000.

The blaze, discovered about 5:30 o'clock, was believed to have started in the boiler house. Sawdust and shavings are used as boiler fuel, and it was believed that some of this material, near the boiler, became ignited, and that the flames quickly spread.

A strong south wind for a time threatened to carry the flames northward to the company's two dry kilns, filled with finished lumber, its planing mill, and upwards of half a million feet of lumber on the grounds. From there, they might easily have passed to the wooden buildings and stacked timber, etc., of other firms situated between the Zickgraf plant and the railway station. Fortunately, however, the wind soon died down.

Crowd Gathers

The blaze, smoke from which could be seen for miles, quickly attracted a crowd of several hundred persons.

W. C. Zickgraf, head of the firm, this week expressed regret that destruction of the mill had forced the company temporarily to lay off about 60 per cent of its 125 employees. He said, however, that steps were taken immediately after the fire to replace the mill, and it is hoped that all employees soon can be put back on the pay roll.

This company has had Macon County's largest pay roll during the past twelve years, it is understood.

Hampered By Lack Of Water

The fire departments from Sylva and Clayton assisted the Franklin volunteer department in battling the blaze, but the firemen were handicapped by lack of water. The town has no water line to the Zickgraf plant, extension of its line to that point being a part of the program to be paid for from proceeds of the recent bond issue. The only line to the mill is a three-quarter inch line the Zickgraf company built from nearby Franklin Mineral Products company plant. Water for the Zickgraf boilers is obtained from the nearby Little Tennessee river, but the fire damaged the power transformers, making it impossible to use the electric pumps that normally bring the river water to the plant.

It was necessary to cut off the power when the flames attacked the power poles on which the transformers at the plant were installed. The Nantahala Power and Light company was unable to estimate the damage to the power substation, pending overhauling of the transformers, but the damage is expected to amount to several hundred dollars.

The power was cut off as soon as the transformers caught fire. By Tuesday, the station had been rebuilt and the power service to the Zickgraf plant restored.

The company has filed application for permission to construct a new building for its sawmill; an application with the Civilian Production Administration for priorities assistance to obtain a complete new installation; and an application with the War Assets Administration for a surplus circular mill unit. Immediate action on these emergency applications is anticipated.

Lumber Destroyed

Only recently the company had installed a new log carriage and a new steam feed, while somewhat earlier a new trimmer had been put in and

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