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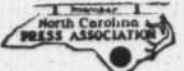
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Dr. Rogers

WILEY ROGERS probably was known by more Macon County people than any other citizen of the county. And in his passing, the community loses something distinctive; there was only one "Wile" Rogers.

He was a member of a profession all its own, a profession that, unfortunately, is becoming obsolete—the country doctor.

Professionally no specialist, he had his own peculiar specialty—a rare brand of common sense.

A native of this county, he grew up with the community; and though he definitely was a conservative, he changed with the times. As a young doctor, he made his rounds—over roads that often seemed bottomless—on horseback, his medicines carried in saddlebags. Then came a long period of horse-and-buggy days. And in more recent years, he graduated to the automobile. But whatever his mode of transportation, he traveled, in his some half century as a doctor, every road, every log-trail, every footpath in the county; going wherever he was needed, at any hour of the day or night. He probably ushered more Macon County persons into the world than any other physician.

He was known, too, as a business man and a community leader. He was the long-time president of The Bank of Franklin, a member of the board of stewards of the Franklin Methodist church, and president of the Western Carolina Telephone company; and he served in many offices of public trust, including several terms as a legislator. To all these responsibilities, he brought a sound, but elastic, conservatism, unusual tolerance, and his unfailing sense of humor and common sense.

But he was more than a doctor and a community leader. He was everybody's friend.

And he will be missed most of all, perhaps, for his inimitable drawl, his dry wit, his unaffected simplicity, and his rough kindness.

Best Wishes

Our next-door neighbor, Bryson City, has a new owner-editor of its newspaper. T. C. Cromwell recently announced that he has purchased The Bryson City Times from J. A. Gray and J. M. Byrd. In recent months they have published both The Sylva Herald and The Times at their plant in Sylva. For the present, Mr. Cromwell will continue to have the printing done in Sylva, but will spend his time in Bryson City as publisher and editor.

Situated just outside the Great Smoky Mountains National park, Bryson City has every reason to look forward with confidence. The influx of park tourists not only is likely to make the town thrive commercially, but also will enrich and broaden the community culturally. And the future of Bryson City, of course, is closely tied to the future of its newspaper.

Mr. Cromwell has made an auspicious beginning, and The Press extends him its best wishes.

A Chance To Reply

When a political statement is made—whether it contain the promises of a candidate's platform or charges or counter-charges against an opponent—it is only fair to all concerned that that statement be made far enough in advance of the voting to give the opposition time to reply.

For that reason, candidates and their friends who plan to make such statements through the advertising columns of The Press are hereby notified that such advertising must be submitted in time for publication either in the issue of May 9 or that of May 16. The issue of May 23, the last before the primary, will be reserved exclusively for replies.

This, of course, does not affect the formal announcements of candidacy now appearing in this newspaper.

"A school for every child and every child in a school."
—Charles B. Aycock.

"When you educate a man you educate an individual, but when you educate a woman you educate an entire family."
—Charles D. McIver.

... LETTERS ...

LIKES EDITORIAL

Dear Weimar:

Burnley Weaver's office saved for us the charmingly written editorial about Dr. Parker's book, "Our Friendly Neighbors." Nowhere have I seen the effect we hope to achieve with the book more graciously described than in your editorial.

Thank you very much for this friendly gesture.

At the same time, I did not miss the opportunity of looking all the way through the paper, and notice with pleasure not only the quality of the news coverage but the bustling and prosperous impression given by your advertising.

Yours cordially,

GEORGE M. STEPHENS.

The Stephens Press,
Asheville, N. C.
April 24, 1946.

Others' Opinions

HAVE YOU LOST A BOND?

There would seem to be a surplus of money in the country, at least for some people.

The Treasury Department reports that \$23,000,000 in 1935 Series A bonds have not been turned in for cash although interest on them stopped last year. The same is true about \$13,300,000 worth of Liberty bonds bought during World War I.

You might as well check up on your holdings. Maybe, and it is maybe, you have an interest in the \$36,300,000. We hope so!—Marion Progress.

IT ISN'T JUST SIZE

Organized labor is reported ready to spend \$4,000,000 in recruiting new members. The C. I. O. readies its campaign to expand in Southern industries and among civil service workers. So big unions plan to get bigger.

The United States is just emerging from a six-months war between the giants of industry and labor in which the general public, small business, and a good many workers suffered the kind of treatment too often accorded the innocent bystander. But there is no use for anyone to indulge in hand-wringing or howls of rage.

Mammoth concentrations of capital and Gargantuan units of management have apparently come to stay in the industrial world of today. That world would be all out of sorts if labor could balance them with no more than unaffiliated local unions. Labor has to be big, too. The trouble is that American organized labor isn't growing in responsibility as fast as it is increasing in size. That's where the leverage needs to bear.

—Christian Science Monitor.

WHY CAN'T WE?

We read during the week that construction of a swimming pool for Murphy will get under way in the near future. It is to be located in the town park.

There was also mention made that work would start at once on improvement of the community tennis courts.

All of which would indicate that the town of Murphy is getting ready for the summer visitors and to also offer their own citizens wholesome recreation.

We also read in the same article that the treasurer reported that funds were low except for the fund being held by the Lions Club for construction of the swimming pool. This sounded very familiar, the part of "funds low."

It looks like some of our local organizations are missing a good bet not to sponsor a movement for these forms of recreation right here. If someone would only inaugurate the movement, we believe that it would soon gain a substantial following.

What about the Chamber of Commerce?

—Waynesville Mountaineer.

Poppy Day

Will Be Observed Here And Over U. S. A.

Poppy day will be observed in Franklin, and throughout the United States, Saturday, May 25, and preparations already are being made here by the American Legion Auxiliary, under the direction of Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, poppy chairman.

Memorial poppies, to be worn in honor of the dead of both world wars, will be distributed on the streets by volunteer workers from the auxiliary and cooperating organizations. Contributions received in exchange for the flowers will be used in relief and rehabilitation work for disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

The poppies have been ordered from Fayetteville where they are being made by disabled veterans of both wars. They are crepe paper replicas of the European wild poppy which bloomed on the battlefields of France and Belgium in both wars and which has become a world-wide symbol of remembrance of America's battle dead.

JAMES T. HOUSTON GIVEN HIS DISCHARGE FROM ARMY

Pfc. James T. Houston, gunner with the 43rd Tank Battalion, who served in the European theater for eight months, has been returned to the States and received his honorable discharge at Fort Bragg April 13, returning to his home here on the same date.

Young Mr. Houston, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman Houston, of Franklin, Route 3, spent 22 months in the armed forces. He was en route to the Pacific when V-J Day was declared. He holds the American Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal with two bronze stars, the Good Conduct medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He attended the Franklin high school prior to going into the armed forces on June 17, 1944.

Sheriff Reports Capture Of Still At Burningtown

Sheriff J. P. Bradley reported that he, Highway Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., and Harley H. Mashburn captured a 25-gallon copper still April 20 at the home of Ralph Welch in the Burningtown section of Macon county.

Sheriff Bradley said he had searched in the Burningtown community for the still on numerous occasions, following reports that whiskey was being made and sold by Mr. Welch.

Saturday the officers went to the Welch home where they found two gallons of whiskey hidden under a loose plank in the floor, the barrels and condenser were in the kitchen. The still was in the loft of the home, and about 25 gallons of beer was in the smoke house in the yard. The whiskey had been made on the cook stove, Sheriff Bradley said.

Mr. Welch was arrested and brought to the Macon county jail and immediately posted a \$200 cash bond.

This was the fourth still that has been captured by the sheriff's department in April, Mr. Bradley stated.

SGT. LOCKE STEPPE GIVEN DISCHARGE FROM ARMY

Sgt. Locke Steppe, of the Aquone section, who has been in the armed forces for the past 30 months, 17 months of which he spent in North Africa, received his honorable discharge at Fort Bragg recently and has returned to his home at Aquone. He is the son of Craig Steppe and the late Mrs. Bertha Bryson Steppe.

Draft Board Has Sugar Book Application Forms

Application forms for discharged service persons and new born babies, for sugar ration books, may now be obtained at the local draft board, it was announced this week. This applies only to those who have not received a book for sugar.

PAINTING AND REPAIRING

Let me do your painting or repairing on contract.

I do any kind of painting—inside, outside, roof, furniture, etc.

Also will do any type of repairing and remodeling that materials can be obtained for.

Contact me at Franklin Hardware Company or write me at Dillard, Ga., Route 1.



Henry W. Moss

To Our Subscribers . . .

If you plan to change your address, will you please notify us at least 10 days before you move, so that we can change your address as it appears on our mailing list.

This will enable us to get the paper to you without your having to miss one or more issues.

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NOTICE

To men interested in pulling Rhododendron and Laurel

BURL

We are again buying the top grade of burl at a slightly reduced price.

SEE US FOR SPECIFICATIONS BEFORE PULLING ANY STUMPS

Highlands Briar, Inc.

Franklin, N. C.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce to the public that we have purchased

THE MACON CAFE

(formerly Cagle's)

We plan to remodel and redecorate, and we shall make every effort to serve

THE BEST OF FOODS

We assure you at all times of

COURTEOUS SERVICE

We shall specialize in

STEAKS

and

COUNTRY CURED HAM

Your patronage will be appreciated

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Dean

No Beer—Just a Nice Place to Dine