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### PLAN TO EXPAND COWETA FOREST STATION WORK

#### Would Make It Leading Watershed Center In Country

Plans to make the Coweta Forest Experiment station in Macon County the outstanding watershed management research center in the United States were announced this week, in connection with action by a senate committee on an appropriation for experimental forest activity.

The senate committee added \$300,000 to the amount already appropriated for forest research, and it was explained that a considerable proportion of this will be expended at such points as the Bent Creek station, in Buncombe county, and the Coqueta station in this county.

Expansion of the work of the Coweta and other experimental stations, as well as establishment of new stations, is anticipated after the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, it was said.

#### PLAN 4th SUNDAY SING

The Fourth Sunday Singing convention will be held at the Bethel Methodist church Sunday afternoon, May 26, at 1:30 o'clock, it has been announced by Pritchard Russell, president.

### Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through  
the files of The Press)

#### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. Jean Bryson went to jump the barbed wire fence near the academy, but by a sad mischance he landed on top of it and the consequences were not very pleasant.

Just after Mr. W. C. Allman had mounted his horse to start home Friday evening, his horse became unruly and threw him off in a street. He struck on his face and was considerably bruised and rendered unconscious. His little boy was on behind him and clung to his back in the fall escaped injury.

The Macon county contingent of revenue officials and jurors of the Federal court at Asheville returned home the latter part of last week.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

**WEST'S MILL**—Since the departure of Jack Frost the boys of West's Mill have left the very popular game of horseshoe pitching, and manfully walked to the cornfield, where a very successful battle is being waged on the stubborn weeds and briars.

**ELLIJAY**—Mr. Charlie Moore, Mr. Olney Moses and Miss Ida Moses made a trip to Tesenta a few days ago. Mr. Olney Moses speaks of the trip rather favorably, so we guess his luck has turned right again. It was only a short time ago that a good horse belonging to him killed itself by falling into an old corundum mine.

The S. S. S. of the Franklin graded school—

**Quince**—"One day while I was plowing in my popcorn field the sun shone so hot and the corn began popping, when the horse saw the corn he thought it was snow and lay down and froze to death."

**Fleet**—"Pshaw! That's nothing. One day while I was out West, I was in the field plowing, and the sun got so hot my horse burned, and before I could bury him a cold wind came up, and the other froze to death."

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Franklin Grocery Company specials: Stew beef, per pound, 9c; boneless beef roast, 17c per lb., and lamb roast, 18c per pound.

Lee Leach, who recently purchased George R. McPherson's interest in the Main street lot between the Dowdle building and the Macon Theatre, has announced that he intends to erect a modern business building on the property.



**24 TO BE GRADUATED FROM FRANKLIN HIGH**—Pictured above are the 12 boys and 12 girls who will be given their high school diplomas in exercises at the Franklin school Friday evening at 8 o'clock. In the front row, left to right, are: Freda Potts, Annie Sue Conley, Betty Speed, Landy Pendergrass, mascot, Chloe Smith, Terry Slagle, mascot, Tommye Ledford, Maxine Dean, Rebecca Smart, and Edgar Smith. Middle row: Mrs. Marie Stewart, class sponsor; Claretta Stiles, Ruth Bryson, Wint Duvall, Betty Bradley, Paul Plemmons, Roy Rickman, Betty Bryson, Gilmer Henson, Sybil Potts, and Principal George H. Hill. Back row: Eugene Waldroop, Carl Mason, Richard Bingham, Hershel Wilson, Bruce Rickman, James Roper, and Charles Curtis. County Supt. G. L. Houk will confer the diplomas and Principal George H. Hill will present the awards. Sybil Potts will deliver the valedictory address, and Annie Sue Conley will give the salutatory. The music will feature the girls' chorus of the school.

The commencement exercises got under way last Sunday night, when the Rev. R. M. Hardee, Highlands Methodist minister, delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

### SLAGLE NAMED LEGION HEAD

#### Macon Post Holds Its Annual Election Of Officers

Charlie Slagle was elected commander of the Macon County post No. 708 of the American Legion, at the post's annual election of officers Monday night. He succeeds C. N. (Joe) Dowdle, who recently resigned.

The post members chose Harold Enloe, A. R. Higdon, and John D. Alsop as vice-commanders.

Other officers elected are: John Crawford, adjutant; C. N. Dowdle, assistant adjutant; Bob S. Sloan, service officer; Raymond Culver, assistant service officer; Gilmer A. Jones, guardianship officer; Joe Gibbs, sergeant-at-arms; William Waldroop, historian; and Thomas Setser, athletic officer. The office of chaplain was left open.

Miss Lassie Kelly was named child welfare chairman; Lon Dalton, graves registration chairman; Adolph Zoellner, membership chairman; and John A. (Gus) Leach, publicity officer.

Detailed plans for an installation ceremony are being worked out.

### Horticultural

#### Specialist To Visit County May 29

H. R. Niswonger, horticultural specialist, will spend Wednesday, May 29, in this county, it was announced this week by County Agent S. W. Mendenhall. Farmers who desire information on the growing of small fruits and vegetables should get their requests to the county agent's office prior to Wednesday, so that arrangements can be made for Mr. Niswonger to visit their farms, Mr. Mendenhall said.

Mr. Niswonger will meet with the Carson Chapel home demonstration club Wednesday afternoon to discuss the growing of cherries, strawberries, raspberries, and vegetables. The meeting will be in the Sunday school room of the church at 2 p. m. Interested persons are invited.

There has always been more demand than supply for strawberries and raspberries, Mr. Mendenhall pointed out, in announcing Mr. Niswonger's visit.

### VAN RAALTE PERSONNEL HEAD VISITS FRANKLIN

T. J. Griffis, of Buffalo, N. Y., personnel counselor for the Van Raalte company, the concern which last week announced plans to erect a textile plant in Franklin, was here Wednesday for a short time. Mr. Griffis is the son of L. W. Griffis, vice-president of the company.

### REPRESENTATIVE WEAVER PAYS VISIT TO FRANKLIN

Representative Zebulon Weaver was here Monday on a campaign swing through the district.

### Franklin Gets Air-Minded; 14 Have Learned To Solo

#### Will Give Enloes Merit Certificate As Timber Farmers

R. C. and Turner Enloe, of the Cartoogechaye community, have been awarded a certificate of Meritorious Service by the North Carolina Forestry association for timber farming.

R. W. Graeber, in charge of N. C. forestry extension work, will present the certificate to the Enloe brothers next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Enloe home. Farmers, timbermen, and others interested are invited to be present for the ceremony. This is the first such certificate ever awarded in Macon County.

Farmers who have timber for sale would do well to be present at the meeting and make arrangements with Mr. Graeber to have their timber estimated, County Agent S. W. Mendenhall suggested. All farmers, he added, should know about the timber farmers' program conducted by the N. C. Forestry association.

### Gneiss Man Is Killed In Truck Mishap

J. B. Holland, of the Gneiss section of Macon county, and Allen Ross Clark and Carl Gregg, both of Winona, Miss., were killed last Sunday night about 8 o'clock when the lumber truck in which they were riding left the Long Creek road, between Westminister, S. C., and Clayton, Ga., and went into the edge of the Tugaloo river, in Oconee county, Ga.

The men, all employees of the Georgia Hardwood company, at Cleveland, were en route to Jackson, Miss., with a truck load of groceries when the truck left the road on a sharp curve. The truck and its contents were destroyed by fire, and the two men from Cleveland were burned beyond recognition, it was learned here from members of the Holland family who went to the scene.

Mr. Holland, who suffered a severe cut on the head, died about 9:30 o'clock, only a few minutes after he was taken from the truck. He spoke only a few words, it was said, before he died.

He had been employed by the hardwood firm as a truck driver for the past two years, was 23 years old. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holland, of the Gneiss community, where he had spent his entire life until two years ago. He was unmarried and his earlier life was spent in farming.

Funeral services were held Continued on Page 10—

By a Flying Mountaineer  
Yes, sirree, Franklin has "done took to flying".

From the local dentist to the telephone man, we're getting air-minded. Saw one of the local ladies climb into her husband's plane, and off she went to do a bit of shopping in one of the larger towns, getting back to Franklin before she could have gotten halfway to her destination in a car.

Last March 28 was the first anniversary of the opening of the local airport, and during the slightly more than a year since then, 14 Macon County men have found out what it's like to go "off into the wild blue yonder", alone. What's more important, they got down, too!

These proud aviators are J. Ward Long, Harold Bradley, John Archer, Mac Ray Whitaker, Jim Horsley, Clyde Sanders, Elbert Hedden, C. J. Hamilton, Ernest Hyde, Charles Bradley, Howard Stewart, Hermon Gnuse, J. C. Crisp and Dr. W. E. Furr. Prouder still are the four that have gone ahead and worked until they earned their private licenses—Grant Zickgraf, Frank Henry, Carl Tysinger and J. Ward Long. This means that they passed their written and flight examinations and came out qualified pilots.

One of the things a private license gives them the privilege of doing is taking up their friends and families—but one wife of a certain "hot pilot" was heard to say: "No matter where he goes in an airplane, I always say 'wait for me and I'll meet you there in the car'."

Not so, however, with all the wives; for example, Mrs. Thelma Zickgraf and her pilot husband can be seen taking off nearly every week-end to visit friends in some section of the country.

Many oldsters come to the airport regularly every Sunday to see the planes flying off and on the Thomas Bottoms with still unbelieving eyes. The oldest passenger so far was a young lady of 86 who could only say, "Wonderful contraption", when she landed.

The Franklin fellas with eyes to the future have heeded the poster of the post-war world which reads "An airplane for Every Garage" and bought their own planes. The "BIG 4"—John Archer, Carl Tysinger, Ernest Hyde and Dick Jones—were first last fall to buy their own plane. It is a blue and cream Piper coupe. When the army released the surplus planes for sale, Frank Henry and Carl Tysinger, Winton Perry and John Archer, Bob Cooper and J. Ward Long bought three of the big silver BT-13's. Grant Zickgraf has been the envy of all the gang with his AT-6. This plane has a speed of 165 miles an hour and is really what one would call a "honey".

Forty-seven per cent of the counties of the United States lack airport facilities.

### PLAN TEXTILE MILL IN SWAIN

#### Van Raalte To Build Plant Similar To That Here

The Van Raalte company, which last week announced plans for early opening of a glove manufacturing operation in the Leach building here, and the construction, when building materials are available, of a textile plant in East Franklin, will build a similar plant in Bryson City.

Announcement of the Bryson City plans was made this week. Meanwhile, said the announcement, 25 women already have been employed in Bryson City for a glove-making operation, and the number will be increased shortly to 35.

For its Bryson City plant, the company purchased a four-acre tract—about the size of that bought here—and it was said that negotiations are under way for purchase of an adjoining tract, on which homes for company officials will be erected.

The firm's Bryson City announcement, like that relating to the Franklin plant, emphasized that construction of the plant is dependent upon obtaining building materials.

### Double

#### Quota For Cancer Fund Raised In County

Macon County doubled its quota in the campaign for funds for the American Cancer society.

A total of \$560 has been turned in to H. W. Cabe, treasurer, he said Wednesday, and a report from Highlands said more than \$40 collected there under the leadership of Col. Ralph Mobray, co-chairman for that area.

The county's quota was \$300. The funds will be used for research and education. The drive here was headed by John A. Johnson, chairman. Col. Mobray, Bob S. Sloan, and Mrs. Florence Sherrill were co-chairmen.

### WILL CLEAN CEMETERY AT COWEE BAPTIST CHURCH

Persons who have relatives and friends buried in the Cowee Baptist church cemetery are asked to bring tools and help in cleaning the cemetery on next Thursday, May 30. It is expected to take all day to clean the cemetery, and those coming to work are asked to bring food for a picnic lunch at noon.

### The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	79	62	.95
Friday	80	60	.00
Saturday	76	56	.28
Sunday	72	44	.00
Monday	68	52	.17
Tuesday	71	59	.13
Wednesday	76	40	.00
Total rainfall for week,			1.53 inches.

### WILL PICK 14 NOMINEES IN SATURDAY VOTE

#### Macon Democrats A So To Ballot In Three District Races

Democratic voters of Macon County will go to the polls Saturday to select the party's nominees for 14 county offices, and to ballot for nominees for three district posts—representative in congress, solicitor, and state senator.

The polls in the 12 voting precincts will open at 6:30 a. m., and close at 6:30 p. m.

Interest appears to center in the county races for sheriff and representative, and in the 12th district race for representative, with considerable discussion, too, of the race for five members of the county board of education.

Altogether, 21 men seek 10 county offices. The unopposed candidates for the other four offices will be automatically certified.

#### Registration Light

Exact figures are not available on the registration—April 27 through May 11—of new voters, but officials believe it was comparatively light. About 300 were registered in Franklin, and some 25 put their names on the books in Cartoogechaye, but registration figures for the other precincts could not be obtained.

Following is a complete list of the offices, and the candidates seeking them, for which Democratic voters will pick nominees:

Representative in congress from the 12th district: Monroe M. Redden, of Hendersonville, and Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville, the incumbent.

**3 Out For Solicitor**  
Solicitor of the 20th judicial district: Thad D. Bryson, Jr., of Franklin, W. Roy Francis, of Waynesville, and Dan K. Moore, of Sylva.

State senator from the 33rd district: Baxter C. Jones, of Bryson City, and A. L. Penland, of Hayesville, incumbent.

Representative: Herbert A. McGlamery, R. A. (Bob) Patton, and J. M. Raby.

Sheriff: Bill Bryson, C. Tom Bryson, Fred D. Cabe, Paschal Norton, and L. B. (Shine) Phillips.

Clerk of superior court: J. Clinton Brookshire and Gilmer L. Crawford.

Members of board of county commissioners (two to be nominated): W. W. Edwards, incumbent, John W. Roane, and W. C. Sheffield.

Members of board of education (five to be nominated): Charles J. Anderson, Frank Browning, Ed Byrd, incumbents; Walter Gibson, Harmon H. Gnuse; C. Gordon Moore, incumbent; and Bob S. Sloan.

Chairman of the board of county commissioners: W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, incumbent, unopposed, for the nomination.

Register of deeds: Lave V. Shope, incumbent, unopposed.

Coroner: Lawrence Blaine, unopposed.

Surveyor: John H. Dalton, unopposed.

Those selected in Saturday's primary will be opposed in next fall's general election by a full Republican ticket, except that, that party has no candidate out for surveyor.

In listing the Republican candidates sometime ago, The Press erroneously said that Clyde Morgan, of Stiles, filed for membership on the board of county commissioners. The Republican nominee is Clyde O. Morgan, of the Nantahala section.

### Morgan

#### Heads Emergency Food Relief Here

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan has been appointed local chairman for Emergency Food Collection on behalf of UNRRA. The telegraphic appointment came from Henry A. Wallace, national chairman.

The organization's purpose is to solicit money for the purchase of food, and to collect canned food, for overseas relief. Mr. Morgan expects detailed information shortly as to what is expected of Macon County.