

PLAN THEATER MEET SATURDAY IN HIGHLANDS

Community Organization
Hold Try-outs
To Map Program And

The Highlands Community theater will hold its casting try-outs and general organization meeting for the 1946 season at the Highlands Museum Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced this week.

The Community theater, first organized in 1940, is being revived this season, following two war years during which it did not function.

Miss Jane Reese, of Atlanta, who will direct the theater this summer, will arrive in Highlands in time for the meeting, it was said.

All persons interested in the details of play production, acting, stage management, lighting, etc., are invited to participate in Saturday night's organization meeting and try-outs, it was emphasized.

The Highlands Community theater is headed by Kenyon Zahner, president. Mrs. Jack Wilcox is business manager.

R. E. Lee Joins Staff Of Nantahala Forest

Robert E. Lee a few days ago joined the Nantahala National forest staff here as supply clerk. Mr. Lee, whose home is Chattanooga, Tenn., came to Franklin from a Forest vice assignment in Mississippi. His family is now in Etowah, Tenn., but he plans to bring them here as soon as he can find a place for them to live.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through
the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The fishing party returned Wednesday from Nantahala. They report a catch of over three hundred trout.

Candidates' announcements just one dollar in advance. A gold dollar, a silver dollar, or a greenback Wm. will put your name before the voters.

There is going to be one sound money delegate in the approach-Democratic convention: Kope Elias, Esq., of Macon. If he isn't careful, they will catch him as a curio and put him in the state museum. The News and Observer says: "The Macon Democratic convention instructed Kope to vote for free coinage at 16 to 1, first, last, and all the time."

25 YEARS AGO

On Friday night of this week, June 17th, there will be at the courthouse in Franklin, an old-time Fiddlers Convention. It is hoped and expected that all the fiddlers in Macon County and adjoining counties will come with their fiddles.

On last Saturday afternoon two interesting ball games were played on the ball ground at West's Mill. The first between Cowee and Needmore proved a very close game. At the end, the score stood 8 to 9 in favor of Needmore. The other game, between the Oak Grove and Watauga teams, was also intensely interesting. The Watauga team won 9 to 2.

10 YEARS AGO

There are only six Confederates living in Macon county, a check-up of the pension list revealed this week. It also revealed that pensions are going to 20 class "A" widows, 12 class "B" widows, and one class "B" negro body servant in the county.

"Uncle Elbert" Watson, 93, of Glenville, accompanied by Mrs. Watson, are visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Fouts this week. "Uncle Elbert", celebrated his 93rd birthday anniversary in March.

Bitten by a spider believed to be a Black Widow, while working last Friday, Tom McDowell, of Otto, became critically ill and was taken to the Angel hospital. He responded to treatment and was dismissed Monday.

John W. Roane Takes Oath As Commissioner

John W. Roane, newly appointed member of the board of county commissioners, took the oath of office at a called meeting of the board Monday. The oath was administered by Mrs. Edith C. Byrd, assistant clerk of the superior court.

Mr. Roane was appointed by the other two commissioners earlier this month to fill out the unexpired term of the late Charles L. Blaine.

The board adopted resolutions of respect for Mr. Blaine, who had served as a commissioner for the past 12 years.

HOUK ARRESTED IN LIQUOR CASE

Officers Report Finding
More Than Gallon
In His Auto

Guy L. Houk, of Franklin, was arrested on a liquor charge by Sheriff J. P. Bradley and Night Policeman H. C. Thompson about 10 o'clock Wednesday night.

He was released on his own recognizance, Sheriff Bradley said Thursday, for his appearance at a hearing before Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr. A time for the hearing had not been set Thursday afternoon.

Sheriff Bradley said he and Policeman Thompson were driving over town looking for a liquor car, when they saw Mr. Houk, in his parked automobile at the rear of the courthouse, a bottle in his hand.

They investigated, he added, and found five unopened and one opened "fifths" of bottled in bond whiskey. The law, the sheriff pointed out, permits possession of not more than one gallon.

The whiskey was seized, Sheriff Bradley said.

On Thursday, no warrant had been served, the sheriff said, but explained that it will be served later, probably by Policeman Thompson.

Dean

Named County Chairman
Of Republicans

John Dean, of the Rabbit Creek section, was elected chairman of the Macon County Republican executive committee, at a meeting of the committee last Saturday at the courthouse.

Mr. Dean, a former chairman, succeeds A. R. Higdon, who resigned from the post.

The committee also named Claude Patterson as precinct chairman at Otto, to succeed Lonnie Henson, resigned.

25 Young People
From This County
Go To Conference

Sixty-nine young people and workers representing Union Sunday schools in North Carolina and Georgia attended the annual Young People's Bible conference at the Lake Louise Conference grounds, Toccoa, Ga., June 10 to 17.

The conference, under the direction of the American Sunday School union, is one of many held each year to bring Christian leadership training to rural boys and girls.

A highlight of the week was a radio broadcast over station WRMC, Toccoa, and guided tours through the Le Tourneau plant and Toccoa Falls Bible college.

The following young people representing Union Sunday Schools in Macon County attended the conference: Salem, Manuel Holland, Kenneth Clark, Mary Sue Norton, Nancy Grant, Sallie Grant, Elsie Sondheimer, Betty Ann Frady, Carolyn Bryson, Edwina Bryson, and Maquita Rogers; Sloans Chapel, Kelly Moses, Wallace Elliott, Andrew Carpenter, Clyde Norton, R. L. Cunningham, Nora Lee Carpenter, Pauline Keener, and Marguerite Smart; Friendship tabernacle, Iris Long, Donald Henson, George Phillips, and Billy Mason; River Bend, Nell Baldwin and Tracy Tallent; and Sunrise View, Jo Doris Dockery.

T. H. Callahan left last Saturday for a week's business trip to New York.

J. T. BRYSON KILLED AS CAR FALLS 30 FEET

Auto Man Fails To Meet
Fishing Appointment
With Brothers

When Joe Taylor Bryson, 38, left his Cullasaja community home last Saturday morning, it was agreed that he and his two brothers, John A. and Marion Bryson, should meet at a point on the Cullasaja river later in the day for an afternoon's fishing.

The brothers were there waiting, but Mr. Bryson met sudden death on his way to the spot.

A little late for his appointment, he was believed to have been hurrying, and at a sharp curve on the Franklin-Highlands highway his 1937 Plymouth automobile left the road and plunged 30 feet into Buck Creek. Mr. Bryson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Bryson and a veteran of World War 2, suffered a broken neck.

The wreckage of the automobile and the body of its driver was discovered by Harold Moses, who notified the authorities.

At the inquest, held that afternoon, the coroner's jury, impaneled by Coroner George Wallace, found that he was instantaneously killed.

Members of the jury were C. A. Setser, Wade Arvey, Paul Potts, Andrew Gregory, Sam Frady, and Roy Roland.

Sheriff J. P. Bradley, Deputy Walter Dean, and Highway Patrolman Pritchard Smith assisted the coroner in investigating the accident.

Mr. Bryson, body and fender man at Burrell Motor company, had left his work about 3 p. m., and the accident was believed to have occurred a short time later.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Salem Methodist church. The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Fred Sorrells and the Rev. V. C. Ramey, both of Cullasaja. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were Sammy Bryson, Lex Vanhook, Lease Bryson, Vernon Bryson, Roy Holland and Bill Bryson.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Margaret Viola Talent; one daughter, Jean; his parents; his two brothers; three sisters, Mrs. Alfred Holland, Miss Annie Bryson and Mrs. Briscoe Dills, all of Cullasaja; and his grandmother, Mrs. J. T. Bryson.

Potts funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Will Display Equipment Of Parachutists

A recruiting team of the 82nd Airborne division, Parachute infantry, will display equipment used by airborne troops on the public square here June 28, 29, and 30, it was announced this week by Sgt. Blaine Livingston, head of the army recruiting station here.

Twelve parachutists of the 82nd division will aid in the display of the equipment, which will include parachutes, equipment bundles, rifles, carbines, Browning automatic rifles, pistols, sub-machine guns, machine guns, mortars, bazooka rocket launchers, 75 millimeter recoilless rifles, flame throwers, gas masks, field rations, radios and a glider tow-rope containing enough nylon for 50,000 pairs of stockings.

The recruiting team is displaying the equipment to encourage enlistments in the regular army. Direct enlistments for the Paratroop Infantry are being accepted, Sgt. Livingston said.

Thomas Yarborough celebrated his 84th birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bennett, Franklin, Route 3, last Sunday. A birthday dinner was enjoyed by the following of his friends and relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ramsey and Billy; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bennett; Mr. J. T. Bennett of Sylva; Mr. and Mrs. William Swafford; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunningham; and a granddaughter, Miss Estelle Bennett of Murphy.



MISS DOROTHY WALKER, of Elkins, has arrived here to serve as choir director of the Franklin Baptist church through the summer months. After work at Flora MacDonald college, she transferred to Westminster Choir, Princeton, N. J., where she has been a student for two years, majoring in voice and conducting, with piano her minor subject. The Franklin church is building a new choir loft and a new organ has been ordered.

BRYSON IS SHOT. JAIL BROWNING

Brother-in-Laws' Row
Ends With 1 In Jail,
One In Hospital

Charlie M. Bryson, of Sylva, is in the Angel hospital, suffering from gunshot wounds, and his brother-in-law, Bob Browning, was arrested and placed in jail Thursday morning by Sheriff J. P. Bradley, charged with the shooting. The trouble was said to have occurred late Wednesday afternoon at the home of Browning's father, Will Browning, near the top of Cowee mountain.

Bryson, said to have been shot with a double-barrel shotgun, has some 35 wounds in the face, chest, and arm. His condition was reported by the hospital to be satisfactory.

Sheriff Bradley said that Bryson told him Browning was drinking at the time, while Browning, when he was arrested at his father's home, was quoted as saying the quarrel arose over a woman.

URGE DIVERSION SECTION REPEAL

Oil Men Oppose Highway
Fund Use For State's
General Purposes

The Macon County Petroleum Industries committee, at a dinner meeting at Riverview inn Monday evening attended by oilmen, automobile dealers, public officials, and other invited guests, adopted a resolution favoring repeal of the provision in the state revenue act permitting diversion of highway funds to the general fund when necessary.

The resolution was adopted at the conclusion of a talk by S. Gilmer Sparger, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries committee.

Mr. Sparger told the group that available highway revenues are adequate to finance the state's most ambitious road building program during the next few years. During that period, he said, more than \$100,000,000 will be available.

He argued that it is neither good statesmanship nor just to use taxes paid by motorists on gasoline, etc., for any purpose other than road work, and it was brought out in the discussion that 18 states have adopted constitutional amendments prohibiting diversion of highway funds to the states' general funds.

Under the section of the law discussed, Mr. Sparger said, North Carolina general assemblies may divert three per cent of the gasoline tax to general expenses of the state.

From 1940 through 1945, over 15 million service men and women took out National Service Life Insurance in the amount of \$148 billion.

Town Bond Election To Be Held Tuesday

\$1,200
Donated Toward Purchase
Of Police Car

Citizens of Franklin are donating funds to buy a fully-equipped police car for the town officers.

So far, approximately \$1,200 has been contributed, Chief Homer Cochran said. He added that the automobile, when purchased, will be given to the town.

Franklin has no town police car, and Officers Cochran and H. C. Thompson have been using their own automobiles.

The car, when fully equipped, will cost about \$1,400, Mr. Cochran said, adding that persons who have not contributed, but wish to do so, are asked to get in touch with him or Mr. Thompson.

It is planned to equip the car with police siren, two spot lights, back-up light, fog lights, heater, and other accessories, Mr. Cochran said.

Hoyt Evans Presbyterian Pastor Here

The Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, who for several weeks has been serving the Franklin Presbyterian church as supply, has been called to become pastor of the church, and has accepted the call, he announced this week.

Mr. Evans, who was graduated from Princeton Theological seminary this spring with the degree of bachelor of divinity, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Evans, of Weaverville.

Before entering Princeton, he was graduated from the Flat Creek high school in Buncombe county, Mars Hill college, and Davidson college. He entered Princeton under the navy V-12 program, taking training for navy chaplaincy, and when the program was discontinued at the end of the war, he continued his studies there. While there, he served as assistant pastor of the Ridgeview Presbyterian church, West Orange, N. J.

Members of the church here have not been notified when he will take up his new duties as permanent pastor, but he is expected to fill the pulpit Sunday.

The call was extended to him a fortnight ago.

Yorks

Arrested; Officer Finds
18 Gallons In Car

Three persons were arrested Monday night when Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., found 18 gallons of non-tax paid whiskey in the automobile they were driving. They were captured on the Highlands-Franklin highway, headed south, a few miles out of Franklin.

Those arrested are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie C. York and Mrs. Fred York, all of the Cowee Mountain section. Also in the car were two small children, Mr. Smith said.

The man was placed in jail, while the two women were released on their own recognizance for appearance at a hearing held Tuesday by C. A. Setser, justice of the peace. At the hearing, all three were bound to superior court. The Charlie Yorks gave a cash bond of \$200, and Mrs. Fred York made a justified bond of \$300.

The liquor was stored and the automobile is being held pending the order of the court.

Dr. I. O. Schaub, Extension director at State college, who "remembers when", says that postwar conditions now sharply parallel those existing in 1919.

The government has offered to buy farm wheat at any price which may prevail between now and April 1, 1947, in a move to supply food to grainless foreign countries.

Only in the central and southern portions of China is rice a staple article of diet.

284 Affirmative Votes
Needed To Authorize
\$120,000 Issue

Since a total of 567 Franklin persons are registered for next Tuesday's special bond election, at least 284 voters—a majority of those registered—must go to the polling place, in the courthouse and vote in favor of bonds, if they are to be issued.

It is proposed to issue \$120,000 in Town of Franklin bonds for extension of water mains and sewer lines and for street improvements.

A special registration was required for the bond election, and Registrar John H. Thomas announced that, at the end of the registration period last Saturday 567 had registered.

The notice of election and bond ordinances, passed by the board of aldermen at a meeting May 14, call for issuance of bonds as follows:

\$70,000 for extending water mains and installing additional hydrants.

\$20,000 For Sewer Lines
\$20,000 for laying additional sewer lines.

\$30,000 for resurfacing streets. The polling place, on the second floor of the courthouse, will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. Tuesday.

George Dalrymple and John M. Moore were appointed by the board as judges of the election. Saturday, June 22, will be challenge day.

At the election last December 11, it was proposed to issue \$80,000 in bonds.

Town Is Growing
Since that time, however, members of the board of aldermen pointed out in calling an election on a \$120,000 bond issue, there has been much building done in Franklin; the board has constantly received new requests from home-owners for water and sewer lines; and water mains in addition to those anticipated last December now are required to provide for the town's growth, in so far as industries are concerned.

It was added that the \$120,000 bond issue is designed to take care of the growth of the town in the near future, as well as to provide for pressing immediate needs.

Other Election Ruled Out
The law affecting Franklin bond issues, as interpreted by bond attorneys, requires a special registration for such an election, and an affirmative vote by the majority of those registered. An election, held here last December, on the issuance of bonds was ruled invalid because it was carried only by a majority of those voting, and not a majority of those registered.

The ruling was based on an old local statute, and the previous election was held invalid despite the fact that the North Carolina law for other towns in the state requires only a majority of those voting, and despite the further fact that the general law requires that only proceeding questioning the validity of such an election must be begun within 30 days after the date of the election.

Attend Hearing On Motor Freight Franchise Rights

Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., Frank B. Duncan, and Mark L. Dowdle went to Asheville Tuesday to testify before a representative of the State Utilities commission in favor of the granting of a franchise to the Blue Ridge Trucking company, of Asheville, to furnish motor freight service to Franklin.

The firm seeks the right to haul motor freight from Asheville to Sylva, Sylva to Bryson City, Sylva to Franklin, and Bryson City to Franklin.

The application met opposition, and the petition was taken under advisement by the commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Franklin, of Washington, D. C., have been here visiting Mrs. Franklin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fouts, of the Iotla community. When they left Thursday morning to return to their home, they were accompanied by Miss Dessie Mae Fouts.