

Figures Announced On Veteran Claims

Rural Life Meet Planned Here July 10

A rural life meeting for county ministers and agricultural leaders of Macon County will be held at the Agriculture building here next Wednesday, starting at 10 a. m., it was announced this week.

The purpose of the gathering, one of 15 being held in Western North Carolina, is to discuss the relationship between good farming and good religion, between the agricultural program and the rural church, it was explained by the Rev. Vladimir E. Hartman, of Asheville, of the council of Southern Mountain Workers.

Following the morning program at the Agriculture building, a farm tour will be conducted in the afternoon by County Agent Sam W. Mendenhall, Mrs. Florence S. Sherill, demonstration agent, and W. B. Collins, farm management supervisor of the extension service's test demonstration program.

On the morning program are group singing and a devotional service, a talk by Mr. Hartman, and an illustrated lecture on "God, Man and the Land", by Dr. Aaron H. Rapping, of the Tennessee Valley Community Development Program.

A free luncheon will be served at noon to those in attendance. The meal will be prepared and served by the members of the Woman's Society for Christian Service of the Mt. Zion Methodist church.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
We learn that a few days ago Charley Beasley and family were sitting out in the yard when they noticed south of the house a large snake rising up in the air. It passed over the house and some distance beyond alighted on the ground. A buzzard accompanied it.

The Raleigh Press-Visitor speaking of the caucus the evening before the assembling of the convention says:
"There were loud calls for Mr. Kope Elias, who responded in a splendid speech, which carried the audience by storm. Mr. Elias is a graceful and forceful speaker, 'I am a gold man,' said Mr. Elias, 'but I subordinate my honest views to the will of the Democratic party—I am a Democrat first of all.' The audience liked just such talks.

25 YEARS AGO
AQUONE: Another blue-eyed beauty has gone from Aquone. Miss Palace Jones married Mr. Henry Loyal, of Andrews, May 29, 1921. Sleep on, Aquone boys, and let all the Sunday school girls get away.

The first county summer school was held in Macon County in 1911. This was probably the first one ever held in the State. It was seen by the school officials of the county that this was the only way by which anything like a sufficient number of teachers with any technical training at all could be provided for the rural schools.

10 YEARS AGO
The Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross has been awarded an honor certificate, which is to be framed and hung in some public place, for surpassing its quota in the Red Cross roll call in 1936.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mack Ledford announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Willie Mae, to Sgt. Kenny Rixie Helton, of Clemson College, S. C. The wedding is to take place in the First Baptist church of Franklin on July 9, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

1,528 In Four Counties Sought Jobless Pay In Five Months

In Macon, Graham, Jackson and Swain counties, served by the Bryson City U. S. Employment Service local office, 178 self-employed veterans filed claims for self-employment allowances under the G. I. Bill of Rights in the first five months of this year, according to R. Fuller Martin, acting chairman of the State Employment Compensation commission.

Such claims are filed by World War II veterans who are in business for themselves and whose net income from their business for any month is not as much as \$100.

If a self-employed veteran earns nothing or less than \$100 net during any month, he may file a claim, not later than the twentieth of the month following, for \$100 or for enough to make his total net income as much as \$100. More than 95 per cent of the self-employed veterans filing these claims in the state are farmers, and the bulk of them report little or no earnings during the growing season, or until harvest and marketing time.

In the same five months and in the same four counties, 1,520 new veteran claims for unemployment allowances were filed, indicating that during this period 1,520 veterans were unemployed at the time they filed their claims.

These veterans, claiming servicemen's readjustment allowances for unemployment, must apply for jobs. They must be able to work, available for work, and willing to take any suitable job offered them, except that, under the G. I. Bill of Rights, if a veteran is able to work when he files his first claim, but illness or other disability prevents his weekly reporting to the local USES office in person, he may delegate a representative to file later claims for him.

On a state-wide basis, it is found that just about one veteran out of every four inducted into the service had filed claims for servicemen's readjustment allowances by the end of May, and also, on a state-wide basis, it is revealed that considerably more than an average of two inductees came from non-agricultural activities for every one inducted from agriculture. Early this year a total of 351,146 had been inducted into the armed forces from North Carolina, an estimated 105,185 coming from agriculture and 245,961 from non-agricultural activities.

It is estimated by Mr. Martin that early this year 1,646 had been inducted from Macon County, of whom 684 came from the farm, and 962 from non-agricultural activities.

The figures for the other three counties are:
Graham, 770 inducted; 221 from agriculture, and 541 from non-agricultural pursuits, Jackson, 2,053 inducted; 785 from agriculture and 1,268 from non-agriculture. Swain, 1,402 inducted; 404 from agriculture, and 998 from non-agriculture.

As an indication of the activities in Graham, Jackson and Swain counties, during the week ended June 15, in the Bryson City office, new claims were filed by 78 veterans and continued claims were filed by 1,393 veterans, indicating that 1,471 veterans were unemployed. During the month of May, 65 veterans filed new self-employment claims.

Not all veterans who file claims for servicemen's readjustment allowances are eligible for payments. On a state-wide average basis, about two out of every 100 claims filed are disallowed at the time they are filed, although a few of the number may be allowed to draw allowances in later months.

Mr. Martin, in making the figures public, issued a word of caution, advising veterans to put forth every effort to obtain suitable employment as soon as possible and not exhaust their allowances, which may be needed even more in later years than they are at present.

Chowan county has established a County Board of Agriculture.

MUSEUM OPENS IN HIGHLANDS FOR '46 WORK

Pope, Widely Known
Naturalist, Will
Be Director

With the arrival in Highlands this week of Clifford H. Pope, who will be director of the Highlands Museum this season, it was announced that the museum will be open daily (except Mondays) to visitors and for consultations on all aspects of natural history.

It was announced at the same time that a tea will be given at the Museum Sunday at 4 p. m. for members and friends of the Museum, at which Mr. Pope will speak.

Mr. Pope, who is curator of reptiles and amphibians of the Chicago Natural History Museum, received a leave from that institution in order to make it possible for him to take over direction of the Highlands Museum for the summer. As a naturalist, Mr. Pope is known both for his biological explorations and for his books on natural history.

A native of Georgia, he spent his boyhood in nearby Mount Airy. After graduation from the University of Virginia, he spent five years in China with the Roy Chapman Andrews expedition, serving as collector of reptiles, amphibians, and fish. He went to the Chicago Museum, following 15 years with the American Museum in New York. His American studies include a study of the salamanders of Western North Carolina.

Plans for the tea, at which members and friends will have an opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Pope, were announced by B. E. Fernow, chairman of the museum's activities committee. In his talk, at 4:30 Sunday afternoon, Mr. Pope will discuss the natural history program which the Museum will sponsor this season.

Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, he will speak again, discussing various natural history projects which may be undertaken in the Highlands area during the summer. All interested persons are invited to attend both meetings, it was explained.

In Highlands with Mr. Pope are his wife, herself a zoologist, and their three sons, Alexander, Halowell, and Whitney.

Tessier

Is Presented With Army Commendation Ribbon

Capt. Jesse N. Tessier, of Franklin, has just been presented the Army Commendation Ribbon, according to a dispatch received here this week from Bowman Field, Ky., where he is stationed. The presentation was made by Lt. Col. Ernest G. Abdalah.

Capt. Tessier, who is the son of Mrs. Reba S. Tessier, also was given a superior rating. He recently was made director of quartermaster base services at the post.

Revival, Bible School Under Way At Salem Church

A revival meeting opened last Sunday evening at the Salem Methodist church, and Monday morning at 9:30 a vacation Bible school opened.

Trained Union Sunday school workers, under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Hull, are assisting with the Bible school, it was announced by the church pastor, the Rev. D. P. Grant.

Highlands Theater Will Present Play July 22-23

The date and cast for the first play to be presented by the Highlands Community theater this season were announced this week.

The drama selected is "Kiss and Tell", by F. Hugh Herbert, which had a long run on Broadway, and was made into a motion picture, with Shirley Temple in the leading role.

It will be presented the evenings of July 22 and 23 at the Highlands Museum, with James

Board Sets County Tax Rate At \$1.10; Town Levy Will Be \$1.15; Budgets Are Adopted

Archer Child Responding To 'Wonder Drug'

Thanks to streptomycin, the new wonder drug, John M. (Bardy) Archer, III, seriously ill since he was injured in a bicycle accident June 20, is much improved, it was said Wednesday night at Angel hospital.

The boy, 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Archer, Jr., underwent an emergency operation last Thursday night, and a second one on Friday morning.

His condition was critical, and it was felt that the new drug might be the one thing that would save his life.

Allotment of the rare drug is controlled by a physician in Boston. He agreed, by telephone, to allot a few days' supply, but it was uncertain how soon it could reach Franklin.

Mr. Archer's mother, here on a visit, followed a grand-mother's intuition and called her daughter in Oak Ridge, Tenn., to ascertain if some of the drug might be obtained there. Sure enough, a small quantity had been allotted to a patient there. His physician agreed to lend a day-and-a-half supply, provided it were returned promptly, and a brother-in-law drove to Franklin with it, arriving here about 4 a. m. Saturday.

Shortly after the treatment was started, the boy showed improvement.

While awaiting the allotment from Boston, it was necessary to get a second loan, and this was found in another city and Grant Zickgraf flew there and brought back enough to return that borrowed at Oak Ridge and to continue Bardy's treatment until the Boston supply could be received.

Adams Recovering From McCollum Fire Injuries

Joel G. Adams, bookkeeper for Zickgraf Hardwood company, who was severely burned June 22, is recovering, and probably will be able to leave the hospital soon, it was said Wednesday at Angel hospital, where he is a patient. Mr. Adams was injured in the fire that destroyed the McCollum home on Bidwell street, where he had a room.

Officials Here To Make Nantahala Forest Photos

R. M. Canarro, who heads the information and education division of U. S. Forest service regional headquarters in Atlanta, and Official Photographer Taylor, of the Atlanta office, spent three days in this region this week, making Nantahala National forest photographs. The photograph service of the Atlanta office, maintained to supply magazines, newspapers, etc., will be brought up to date with the new pictures. This season was chosen, it was explained, in order to take advantage of the flowers in bloom at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Cantwell and two children, of Baltimore, Md., are spending a few days here visiting Mr. Cantwell's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mooney.

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	85	54	
Friday	84	54	.02
Saturday	84	63	
Sunday	84	62	
Monday	82	62	
Tuesday	86	62	.31

Presbyterian

Pastor To Take Up New Duties This Week

The Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, who has accepted the call to become pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, is expected here early next week to assume his pastoral duties.

Mr. Evans, a recent graduate from the theological seminary, will be ordained as a minister in services at his own church, the Weaverville Presbyterian, this Sunday.

He has conducted the morning services here the past two Sundays.

Frischner Escapes From Camp Here; Caught Same Day

A convict who escaped from the Macon County prison camp last Thursday was captured the same day by Sheriff J. P. Bradley and W. S. Overton, superintendent of the camp, the officers reported.

The man, Jack Rigby, of Asheville, serving a five-to-seven year prison term for larceny, crawled under the barbed wire fence that surrounds the camp, officials said, and made his way to Burningtown gap. He was found in an old, vacant house about 1 p. m., and was unsuccessful in an attempt to get away.

In a break at the Peachtree camp in Cherokee county Tuesday, officers said, seven men made their escape, only five of whom had been captured Wednesday. Two of the five were placed in the camp here, following their capture.

3 Copper Stills Captured In West End Of County

Local officers Wednesday brought in three copper stills, captured in the Rainbow Springs section of the county. They reported about 500 gallons of beer poured out, but said they found no one at the scenes of the three operations.

The captures were made by Highway Patrolman P. S. Smith, Jr., Deputy Sheriff Walter Dean, and Grady Bryant.
Monday night officers captured two men—James Davis and Charles Wallace, both of Georgia—an automobile, and a small quantity of liquor in the car. The car was headed toward Asheville, and the capture was made at the foot of the town hill, on East Main street. The men posted cash bonds for their appearance in court.

Miss Yancey, Home From Germany, Visits Sister

Miss Elizabeth Yancey, a civilian employe of the army, stationed at Frankfurt, Germany, has just been here for a week's visit to her sister, Mrs. W. E. Hunnicutt, while on leave in the States. Miss Yancey left Tuesday to return to her work overseas. A WAC serving overseas, she resigned after the war to accept the position she now holds with the fiscal control section of the army.

ZEB W. CONLEY SUFFERS BROKEN HIP IN FALL

Zeb W. Conley suffered a broken hip in a fall at his home here last Saturday. He is reported to be resting very comfortably at the Angel clinic, where he was taken for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Daniels, of New York, arrived in Franklin last week for the summer. They are stopping at Dixie Hall, Mrs. Daniels' childhood home.

County Expenditures Put At \$114,000, Town's Total \$50,000

The county-wide tax rate for 1946-47 fiscal year will be \$1.10 on the \$100 valuation, and the rate in the town of Franklin will be \$1.15.

The rates were fixed by the board of county commissioners and the Franklin board of aldermen at meetings held Monday, at which budgets for the coming year also were adopted.

The county-wide rate is the same as last year. That for the town is 20 cents higher than the 95 cents levied for the past year.

In addition to the county and town taxes, there is a 30-cent levy, laid by the county commissioners as in the past, for Franklin township. This is to retire bonds issued a number of years ago to build roads in the township.

Persons living in the county, outside Franklin township, therefore, this year will pay a tax of \$1.10; those in Franklin township, outside the corporate limits, \$1.40; and those in the town, \$2.55.

For the current year's operating and other expenses, the commissioners adopted a budget totaling \$114,093. The town's budget for the year is \$50,197.50.

The increased rate in the town, it was explained, is in anticipation of paying interest and sinking fund on street, water, and sewer bonds to be issued, and to take care of improvements and maintenance, especially of streets and water service.

The board of aldermen also passed an ordinance increasing the minimum monthly charge for water from 75 cents to \$1. The minimum charge permits use of water up to 1,000 gallons.

The county-wide tax rate is broken down by items as follows:

General fund, 15 cents; old age (social security) assistance, 14 cents; county-wide debt service, 45 cents; pauper fund (county home maintenance and to care for emergency cases), two cents; health (maintenance of health department), three cents; courts and jail, four cents; current expenses of schools (not paid by the state), seven cents; school debt service, five cents; and capital outlay for schools, 15 cents.

Jerry Potts Wins N. C. Award Of \$5 In Essay Contest

Jerry Potts, secretary and treasurer of the Higdonville 4-H club and vice-president of the Macon 4-H County council, won a \$5 award in the state-wide essay contest. Twenty-five prizes, 20 of which were awards, given to the 4-H club boys and girls who submitted the best essays on "The Proper Handling of Milk on the Farm."

Only two essays were accepted from each county of the state. The other contestant from Macon county was Virginia Cansler, secretary and treasurer of the Iotla club.

In addition to his milk essay award, Jerry also has been given a registered Guernsey calf by Coble Dairy Products of Lexington. He plans to get his calf this week.

Plan Revival, Bible School For 2 Churches

Plans for a series of revival services and a vacation Bible school for the Louisa and Carson's chapels communities were announced this week by the Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor, and the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, who will preach at the revival. The evangelistic services of one week will be held at 8 p. m., starting Sunday, at Louisa Chapel, and the Bible school will be held for a week at Carson's chapel, starting at 9 a. m. Monday.

NOTE TO VETERANS

All Macon County veterans who plan to enter college as freshmen this fall are requested to notify Bob S. Sloan, veterans service officer, at once, Mr. Sloan said this week.