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PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR HERE IS INSTALLED

Asheville Presbytery Group Conducts Service

The Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, recently called as pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, was formerly installed by a commission from the Asheville Presbytery at a service last Sunday night at the church.

Mr. Evans, who has just been graduated from Princeton Theological seminary, had been ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian church at a service in his home church, the Weaverville Presbyterian, two weeks earlier.

Members of the installing commission were the Rev. R. E. McClure, of Asheville, the Presbytery's home mission executive secretary; the Rev. H. B. Dendy, pastor of the Weaverville church, in which Mr. Evans grew up; Ben H. Evans, father of the new pastor here; the Rev. Jack B. Davidson, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian church; and Edward G. Roberts, an elder of the West Asheville Presbyterian church, who is a cousin of Mr. Evans.

Mr. McClure presided at the service and propounded to the new minister the questions the church requires to be answered; Dr. Dendy preached the sermon; Mr. Davidson delivered the charge to the minister; and Mr. Roberts charged the congregation.

It was announced that other congregations here had canceled their evening services for the occasion, and the church was filled, with many persons seated in chairs in the aisles.

Out-of-town persons here for the service, in addition to those taking part in the installation ceremony, were Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Evans, the Rev. Hoyt Evan's parents, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Burton, also of Weaverville.

Mr. Evans succeeds Dr. C. R. McCubbins, who resigned several months ago on account of his health.

A recent patient at McGuire Veterans administration hospital, Richmond, Va., was a 90-year old former government contract nurse who served in the Spanish American war.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The katyids have opened their annual concerts.

Mrs. S. H. Lyle is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Station, and her cousin, Miss Alice Pender, of Tarboro, N. C., who arrived last week to spend several weeks.

The road between Franklin and Dillsboro is in a miserable condition, particularly on the Jackson end, since the rains of the last two or three weeks.

25 YEARS AGO

T. S. A. Kanaday, formerly the chief of police of Franklin, had a very serious and painful accident last Monday, when his horse fell on him as he was riding on Palmer street.

Mr. G. P. Hedden announces the arrival of a baby boy at his home. That is about the eighth one at George's. But the Heddens are Republicans. It seems like the Republican party has fallen from grace lately. Looks like they have been weighed in the balances and found wanting. Anyway, we still hope for better days, and if they don't come we are gone like the Titanic.

10 YEARS AGO

Boise Hall was elected commander of Macon County Post No. 108 of the American Legion at the post's regular meeting Monday night.

Five prisoners who escaped from the Macon county jail Saturday night were still at large today.

Dog owners were warned this week in circulars distributed at the order of Mayor George B. Patton to keep their dogs muzzled if they are allowed to run at large.

Josephus Daniels, Noted Editor, To Be Here Saturday

Josephus Daniels, editor of The News and Observer and one-time (1913-1921) secretary of the navy, will pay Franklin a visit Saturday.

The widely known Raleigh editor plans to come here to see his brother, C. C. Daniels, and Mrs. Daniels, of New York, who are spending the summer at "Dixie Hall". He will be accompanied by his son, Frank Daniels, of the News and Observer staff.

Also expected Saturday—probably arriving with Mr. Daniels and his son—are Mrs. W. D. Hobart, of San Diego, Calif., the former Miss Kate Robinson of Franklin, and Miss Hope Daniels and James R. Daniels, of New York.

EXPLAINS VETS MEDICAL CARE

Service Connection Must Be Shown To Obtain Benefits

By BOB SLOAN
Veterans Service Officer

Numerous inquiries with reference to medical care for disabled veterans have been received at the local veterans service office and by the physicians in this vicinity.

The Veterans administration has made certain arrangements with the North Carolina Hospital Savings association to enable veterans to obtain both in- and out-patient service from their most convenient medical facilities.

The following is quoted verbatim from a bulletin issued by the Veterans administration: "Veterans requiring these services may make application through their doctor, through any officer of the North Carolina Veterans commission, through contact officers of the Veterans administration, or through officers of the Hospital Savings association.

"Authorization by the Veterans administration is essential to payment by the government and it must normally be procured in advance."

To obtain benefits under this program, it is essential that the disability be service-connected.

In the following instances, a veteran is not entitled to benefits under the above plan:

Acute appendicitis, fractures or injuries sustained since discharge, congenital deformities, or any other acute injury or disease.

He may, however, by presenting his discharge at the nearest veterans' facility, obtain there any treatment that is deemed necessary.

Examples of disabilities for which he may receive treatment locally are:

Reoccurrence of malaria, reoccurrence of ulcers of the stomach, discharge from old wounds, and tuberculosis.

However, service connection must be established in any of the above named cases before treatment will be authorized.

Dies Of Heart

Attack While On Trip Through Smokies

Chester Huffman, of Shreveport, La., brother-in-law of Miss Daisy Caldwell, Macon County home supervisor for the Farm Security administration, died of a heart attack last Friday afternoon while on a trip through the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

Mr. Huffman, who was stricken about 1 p. m., died within a short time. He apparently had been in good health.

He and Mrs. Huffman and their son, King, came to Franklin last week for a visit to Miss Caldwell, and Friday morning the four left for the trip through the Smokies.

The body was taken to McKenzie, Tenn., for funeral services and interment.

Miss Caldwell, who lives at the "Hall in the Pines", home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Porter, returned to Franklin Monday.

Patients in Veterans administration hospitals are taught photography, watch repairing, and handicrafts as a means of speeding their recovery.

1,000 ATTEND FEDERATION'S ANNUAL PICNIC

More Pastures And Hay Urged By Mendenhall, Chief Speaker

More pastures and hay for better milk and beef production in Macon County were urged by Sam W. Mendenhall, county farm agent, in a talk before the approximately 1,000 persons who attended the annual Farmers Federation picnic at the Franklin school last Saturday.

Mr. Mendenhall, the chief speaker, suggested that farmers here grow more alfalfa and ladino, and announced plans for an alfalfa tour August 5 "to show you farmers that alfalfa can be grown in this county".

The six-hour program, starting at 10 a. m., included music, games, and stunts, with a picnic lunch at noon. Opening with prayer by the Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, it closed with sacred music.

Words of welcome were voiced by Carl S. Slagle, Federation director for this county, and Harry Thomas and Eugene Frizzell, manager and assistant manager, respectively, of the Federation here.

"Rusty" Waldrop's String Band, consisting of Rusty and Misses Catherine and Ethel Waldrop and Van B. Higdon, sang and played several times during the day.

Other musicians heard included Robert L. and David Sanders, and Bill Hastings, of Prentiss; "Uncle Jim" Corbin and Sebe Cope, veteran fiddlers; C. D. Dewey, and Miss Mildred Corbin, of Holly Springs; Herman Jones, Whittier; Van Coggins, Glenville; Helen and Miss Villia Mae Dills, of Cartoogechaye, and Jack Frady.

Musicians coming from Buncombe county included Frank and Corbert Reed, Cleo Owenby, Frank Nanney, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rhymmer, Gaither Robinson, and Carole Steele. Radford Harper, of Fairview, danced. Miss Neil Ann Allen, Canton acrobat, danced, and Alex Houston, Hendersonville ventriloquist, performed with his dummies.

Choirs and quartets which sang in the afternoon included the Tellico Choir, led by Harley Mason; the Tellico Junior Choir, led by Miss Irene Collins; and the Mountain Grove Quartet, led by Fred Fox, which was awarded a prize.

Max Roberts, educational director of the Federation, directed athletic contests outdoors at the lunch hour.

The athletic contest winners were:

Foot race for boys 10, 11, and 12 years old: Roy Keener, Harold Corbin, Billy Teague, Harley Henderson, Herman Passmore, and Everett Coggins.

Girls, 10, 11, and 12: Marilyn Ruth Higdon, Nancy Lee Cabe, Sue Bryson, Eugene Morgan, and Luann Gibson.

Boys, 13-16: Grady Corbin, Max Buchanan, Kenneth Mason.

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Community Theater Puts On Finished Performance

Undismayed by a series of difficulties, the Highlands Community Theatre, in its first production since 1943, presented "Kiss and Tell" last Monday evening with an artistic touch and a finish that might well be envied by a professional cast. The play was repeated Tuesday evening.

First of all, the play was given in a building—the Highlands Museum—designed for a museum, not a theater. Then, shortly before time for the Monday evening performance, a transformer stopped functioning and the building and its environs were left in darkness for a considerable time. Finally, just as the drama got under way, rain on the tin roof threatened, for a time, to make it impossible for the audience to hear the players' lines.

Perhaps it was the difficulty in hearing that caused the audience, during the first scene or two, to appear cold. But Director W. James Reese had done a superb job, and before the performance was over the play was being interrupted by applause.

Move Launched To Buy, Preserve Indian Mound

Special Venire Being Summoned Here For Murder Case

The sheriff's department this week has been engaged in summoning a special venire of 50 men from Macon County for jury duty in Cherokee superior court.

From the venire of 50, a jury will be selected for the trial of Dr. M. P. Wichard, charged with murder.

The Macon men are being summoned to report in Murphy August 6.

New Officers Installed By Moose Lodge

Lester Arnold, the newly elected governor of the local Moose Lodge No. 452, and other officers were installed at a ceremony held at the American Legion hall Thursday night of last week.

The other officers of the lodge are: Paschal Norton, vice-governor; R. L. Poindexter, prelate; Lake V. Shope, secretary; Ted Blaine, treasurer; and Jess Estes, trustee for a three-year term, Ed Henry for two years, and George Stanfield, for one year.

They were installed by J. J. Mann, retiring governor.

Plans were made at the meeting for the lodge's annual picnic at Cliffside, to be held on fourth Sunday in August (August 25).

Final Rites Are Held For Harve Dowdle

Funeral services for Harve Dowdle, 74, well known Macon County farmer, were held at the Chapel Methodist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, with the pastor, the Rev. D. P. Grant, officiating. Interment followed in the Church cemetery.

Mr. Dowdle died at his home in Clark's Chapel community Saturday morning at 6 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks.

A lifelong resident of Macon county, he was born on March 4, 1872.

He married Miss Laura McClure, who survives.

Mr. Dowdle was a member of the Clark's Chapel Methodist church.

The pallbearers were Gordon Ammons, Clarence Vanhook, Harold McClure, J. M. Ledbetter, Frank Ammons and Clifford Arrant.

Surviving, besides his widow, are four children, Ned and J. D. Dowdle, of Franklin, Route

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The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	85	67	
Friday	88	64	
Saturday	89	61	
Sunday	85	64	.29
Monday	81	64	1.02
Tuesday	87	63	
Wednesday	89	64	

Citizens Buy Police Auto For Franklin

Thanks to the generosity of a large number of its citizens, Franklin now has a fully equipped police car.

The automobile, with equipment, cost \$1,420, and all of it was donated by citizens and business firms, except for about \$43 yet to be raised.

The car has been delivered, title has been placed in the name of the Town of Franklin, and the local police already are using the automobile for patrol duty.

A two-door Ford, it is equipped with special police spot lights, a siren, a radio, heater, etc.

By virtue of having the automobile, officials pointed out, it will be possible for the officers—especially the night policeman—to give much better police protection to business property situated at points outside the main business district.

Recognizing the need for the car, Police Chief Homer Cochran started soliciting funds a few weeks ago, and found the response both ready and generous, he said.

Miss McGuire's

Rites Held At Salem Methodist Church

Funeral services for Miss Mary McGuire, 47 were held at the Salem Methodist church on the Franklin-Highlands highway, July 12, at 2 o'clock. The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor, officiated, and interment followed in the church cemetery.

Miss McGuire, daughter of Mrs. Lelia and of the late Thomas McGuire, was born in the Cullasaja community, where she had lived most of her life. In the early part of this year she and her mother went to make their home with Mrs. McGuire's sister, Mrs. Charlie Stiles, Franklin, Route 2. She was a member of the Salem Methodist church.

Miss McGuire died July 11, following an illness of three months, she had been in ill health for the past year.

The pallbearers were Foster Jarrett, Jack Gribble, Ransome Ledford, Richard Howell, Raymond Jarrett and S. C. Watkins.

Surviving are her mother, three aunts, Mrs. Charlie Stiles, Mrs. W. S. Price, of Highlands, and Mrs. J. W. Smith, of Long Beach, Calif., and three uncles, S. C. Watkins, of Pittsburgh, Pa., C. L. Watkins, of Long Beach, Calif., and J. B. Watkins, of Highlands.

Bryant funeral directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Captures

Auto And Whiskey After 50-Minute Chase

After a 50-minute chase over mountainous roads, Pritchard Smith, Jr., highway patrolman stationed here, Tuesday afternoon captured a 1940 Ford sedan and the 65 gallons of non-tax paid whiskey it contained. The three occupants of the automobile escaped.

Mr. Smith met the car, he said, on the Dillard-Highlands road. Apparently recognizing the patrolman, the driver left the highway and headed up Pine Mountain road, with the officer following. The chase led all around Rabun Bald and ended eight miles north of Clayton, Ga., Mr. Smith said, when the men left the car and escaped. The officer said he recognized the driver as Jack Presnell, of Asheville, Route 2.

The car and whiskey were brought to Franklin.

Distinctive Landmark Would Be Deeded Proper Board

A movement to preserve the Nikwasi Mound, situated just off Main street, near the depot, was launched here this week.

The Mound, observed by all visitors entering Franklin from the east, is a distinguishing physical characteristic of Franklin. In addition, it has great historical and traditional interest.

It is felt that, unless some steps are taken to preserve it, someone may buy it and decide to grade it down to make room for a business building.

It is proposed that it be purchased by private subscription

PLAN ORGANIZATION

All persons interested in the preservation of the Nikwasi Mound here are invited to meet in the office of Gilmer A. Jones, in the Bank of Franklin building, Monday night at 8 o'clock. At that time an organization is to be set up for the purchase of the property through private subscription, so that it may be deeded to a proper commission, and perpetually preserved.

and deeded to a proper commission or board of trustees, with the proviso that it be perpetually preserved.

The Mound stands on the site of the Cherokee village of Nikwasi. More than 400 years ago the explorer, DeSoto, is said to have passed near it.

Mentioned by the earliest explorers of this region, it is said to be in the best state of preservation of any Indian Mound in the state.

The proposal was explained by Gilmer A. Jones as follows:

"After negotiating for a number of years, during which period the property changed hands, an arrangement has been worked out with the present owner, Mr. W. Roy Carpenter, by which the property may be acquired by the public and preserved as a pre-emptive monument to the Cherokee Indians.

"Mr. Carpenter, the present owner, states that he is willing to deed the property to the Town of Franklin or to a proper commission or trusteeship on the express condition that the Mound be preserved, and not excavated or explored.

"Mr. Carpenter states that he has had a bona fide offer of \$3,000 for this property for commercial purposes, but that he will give the citizens the opportunity of buying it at just half that price, or \$1,500. The property offered by Mr. Carpenter includes the Mound and 25 feet on either side of it. He states that this offer, if not accepted, will be withdrawn on the first day of September of this year. It is suggested that an additional \$500 be raised for the purpose of putting the proper enclosure around the property.

"Since there is no provision made for either the Town or the County to purchase this land from tax money, it will have to be done by private subscription. Mr. J. C. Jacobs, assistant cashier of the Bank of Franklin, has been asked to act as receiving agent to receive any donations made for this purpose until a definite organization can be effected.

"Of course those who make contributions will do so with the understanding that such contributions will be refunded if the land has not been acquired on or before the first of September."

Four Are Jailed Here On Drunkenness Charge

Dr. J. L. West, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grindstaff, and Dave Jones were arrested by local officers Monday evening in their automobile near the Georgia road red light and placed in jail on charges of drunkenness, the sheriff's office reported. They made bond in the early hours of Tuesday morning. A hearing was set for 11 a. m. Thursday before Justice of the Peace C. A. Setser, but at 1 p. m. the defendants had not appeared.