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8 MORE DONORS BOOST MOUND FUND TO \$328

\$1,172 Still Needed For Purchase, Preservation Of Historic Landmark

Approximately 22 per cent of the fund for the purchase of the Nikwasi Indian Mound has been contributed so far.

The total to date stands at \$328, J. C. Jacobs, treasurer of the Nikwasi Indian Mound association, reported this week. This is \$1,172 short of the \$1,500 needed.

In the past seven days, the fund has been increased by \$55.

This amount was contributed by eight donors:

Mrs. J. H. Slagle, James L. Averell, Roger P. McCutcheon, Mrs. Lucy Wood Collier, J. R. Berry, Connie Thigpen, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, and J. S. Conley.

Officials of the association, in announcing the figures, emphasized that donations must be made promptly if the sum is to be raised during August. The money will have to come in, in fact, at the rate of nearly \$150 a day.

Probably the only way the goal can be reached, they added, is for every man, woman, and child in the county who is interested in preserving the Mound to make their contribution immediately. Donations should be brought or mailed to J. C. Jacobs, treasurer, at the Bank of Franklin.

The Mound association was formed with a view to buying the Indian Mound property and deeding it to the Town of Franklin to be preserved; otherwise, it is likely to be leveled for business property, and this historic landmark lost forever. The present owner, W. Roy Carpenter, explained that he has been offered \$3,000 for the property, but is willing to deed it to an agency that will perpetuate the Mound for \$1,500. That offer is good, however, only until August 31.

The property extends from the highway to the old road, and for 25 feet east and west from the foot of the Mound itself.

Do You Remember ...?

(Looking backward through
the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Work on the jail has gone as far as it can go until an expert arrives to put in the cells. The contractors have been waiting for one for a week or more.

Miss Lake Pearson, of Highlands, has been spending the past week with Franklin friends.

Ask yourself if you are due Barnard anything. If so, settle by September 1.

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. J. H. Fouts and Miss Leah Ashe were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Ashe, on Harrison avenue, last Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. Q. Wallace performing the ceremony. Only a few intimate friends and relatives were present at the wedding. Immediately after the wedding, Dr. and Mrs. Fouts left for the Nantahala section where they expect to spend several days before they return to their home here.

FLATS: I think the threshing machine will be here in a few days. The chickens are all trying to hide now.

10 YEARS AGO

More than 400 farmers and Franklin business men went on the annual farm tour Wednesday.

The Cowee baseball team lost to a strong Marble nine, 8 to 3, in a game on the Cowee diamond Sunday afternoon. The Cowee outfit hopes, however, to regain the loss in another engagement with the Marble players on their field Saturday.

Sun blistered but happy, 18 members of the Franklin troop of Boy Scouts returned to Franklin Wednesday after a 10 days camp in Charleston, S. C.

62 Veterans Enrolled In This County In U. S. Farm Training Program

Sixty-two war veterans are enrolled in the farmer training program in Macon County, according to E. J. Whitmire, teacher of agriculture, who has supervision of the program in this county. The program got under way April 1.

The number being trained under the Franklin agriculture department is greater than for any other department in the state.

Of the 62 enrolled, 16 have been certified on their fathers' farms, 11 are on rented farms, and 35 own their own farms. Of this 35, 19 have become farm owners since the program was started. An even dozen veterans have built new homes on their farms.

Under the program, the veteran attends classes conducted by Mr. Whitmire each Tuesday and Friday evening at the Agricultural building, where the latest facts and findings in agriculture are discussed. The remainder of the time, he puts into practice on the farm what he learns in class.

The purpose of the training, Mr. Whitmire explained, is to develop the farmer veterans into skilled farmers, so that they will be successful and independent when the training period is over. He emphasized that men who are not genuinely interested in becoming good farmers soon are weeded out. He added that the veterans are required

to farm 12 months in the year—not simply make a crop and lay it by.

Under this program, as under the veterans' apprentice training, single veterans draw subsistence allowance of \$65 per month, and married men, \$90 per month. The length of the training is the period spent in service, plus 12 months, but with 48 months as the maximum allowed.

To be eligible, a man must be a veteran of World War 2, must be interested in farming, and must have land that is adequate for the practice of good farming.

The most desirable situation, Mr. Whitmire said, is for the veteran to own his farm. Not quite so desirable is the arrangement under which a veteran rents a farm. But least desirable of all—and discouraged both by the Veterans administration and by the state department of vocational education—is the veterans working on his father's farm. Too often, he explained, the father, still being boss, decides what to grow and when to plant, and as a result the veteran gets little practice in managing a farm in his own right.

No additional veterans will be admitted to the program in this county until after January 1, since facilities are not adequate to make it advisable to take on more men now.

'Open Letter' Editorial Available In Leaflet Form

Last week's issue of The Press was sold out on Friday. Since then, there have been many requests for that issue by persons who wished additional copies of the "Open Letter" editorial it contained—for themselves, or to mail to out-of-town relatives or friends. Still others have asked for the editorial in a permanent form.

In response to these requests, the editorial is being reprinted in leaflet form. The leaflets will be ready Monday, and will be available at The Press office without charge, or will be mailed to out-of-town addresses at 5 cents each.

WU Handles 70 Telegrams In 24 Hours

The Western Union Telegraph company started service in Franklin last Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, and in the first 24 hours a total of 70 telegrams had been handled, it was announced, slightly more than half of which were outgoing.

The first person here to send a telegram over the Western Union teleprinter was C. A. Elmore, of West's Mill.

The new office, situated in Angel's Drug store, will be open from 8 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., it was announced. D. H. (Zory) Sutton has been trained as the teleprinter operator, and T. W. Angel, Jr., has been taught to operate the machine so that he can serve in case of emergency.

A number of persons were on hand last Friday to see the new service started.

To inaugurate the service, B. G. Dopson, the Western Union's district superintendent, sent a traveling representative, W. H. Franklin, a recently discharged marine, here to work with the drug store staff and the public, and Mr. Franklin remained for about a week. Also here for the opening of service was J. Hamilton Slagle, manager of the Asheville Western Union office.

The service out of and into Franklin is handled via leased wire to Sylva, a relay point. Later messages are expected to be handled direct to Asheville.

Plan 4th Sunday Sing At Pine Grove Church

The monthly fourth Sunday sing will be held at the Pine Grove Baptist church Sunday, starting at 1:30 p. m. All singers, from both inside and outside the county, are invited, it was announced by Pritchard Russell.

ALLEY CASE WON BY HIGHLANDS

A verdict in the Town of Highlands "alley" case was won by the town in superior court here this week, and counsel for the plaintiffs immediately gave notice that the case will be taken to the state supreme court.

The case, involving the question of ownership of alleyways in the Highlands block lying between Fourth and Fifth streets and between Main and Pine streets, came into court on an injunction brought by the Edwards brothers, Will and Fred, against the town when the town began cutting trees and otherwise clearing up the alleyways.

In the earlier history of the town, deeds for lots within the block called for the alleyways as boundaries. The town took the position that this fact constitutes the alleyways as public streets.

The plaintiffs, who in recent years purchased more than half of the entire block, argued that the town never formally accepted these alleyways; that their purchase of the land invalidated the old conveyances fixing alley boundaries, as town property; and that they could not be public streets, since the town authorities would have been indictable, if they had been public streets, for failure to maintain them and would have been subject to damage suits in the event of personal injury that

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Courthouse Beyond Repair, Grand Jury Says In Report

The courthouse here is beyond repair, and a new courthouse and jail should be built as soon as materials are available, the Macon County grand jury reported Tuesday to Judge Zeb V. Nettles, presiding at the August term of superior court.

The grand jurors also reported on the "bad condition" in which they found the jail.

They recommended that the pay of school bus drivers be increased so that "safe drivers" can be obtained. (Bus drivers in this county are paid \$36 per month. The state pays \$13.50 of this, and the county \$21.50).

The report also touched on guardians' records and the condition of the county home.

The report, signed by J. Harry Thomas, foreman, follows:

We, the grand jury of the August term of court, 1946:

Courthouse

Find the courthouse at Franklin, N. C., Macon County, to be beyond repair and advise there be a courthouse and jail built when material to build with will permit. We also suggest there be a full-time janitor and keep-

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	87	63
Friday	88	61
Saturday	87	62
Sunday	89	62
Monday	88	63
Tuesday	90	62
Wednesday	90	58	.30

TEACHER LISTS ARE ANNOUNCED

The lists of teachers for 23 of Macon County's 25 public schools were announced this week by County Supt. Guy L. Houk. The schools will open for the 1946-47 school year next Thursday morning.

The school for which the teacher list is not complete is Highlands. That school, in accordance with custom, will open September 12—two weeks later than the other schools in the county. The Highlands school delays its opening until after the peak of the tourist season.

The teachers, by schools, were listed by Mr. Houk as follows, the first named in each case being the school's principal:

FRANKLIN: George H. Hill, Mrs. Katherine M. O'Neil, Miss Annie Bailey, Mrs. Lois F. Fulton, Miss Pauline Reid, Mrs. Virginia G. Baldwin, Mrs. Cumi Palmer, Mrs. Katherine P. Matthews, Mrs. Clint Johnson, Miss Katherine Long, Miss Mattie P. Raby, W. G. Crawford, Mrs. Virginia B. Ramsey, Mrs. Oleta B. Huneycutt, Miss Mayberry Moody, Mrs. Edith S. Hemphill, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, Miss Esther Wallace, Mrs. Kate H. Williams, Mrs. Elsie W. Franks, Mrs. Margaret H. Ramsey, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Guffey, Mrs. Margaret R. Flanagan, Miss Amy Henderson, Mrs. J. L. Young, Mrs. Alta R. Harris and E. J. Whitmire.

IOTLA: Miss Nora Moody, Mrs. Marie G. Roper, Miss Elizabeth Meadows.

MT. GROVE: Miss Georgia Howard.

HIGDONVILLE: Carl D. Moses, Mrs. Lovicia J. Moses, Mrs. Eva Keener.

SALEM: V. C. Ramey, Sam Bryson.

MASHBURNS BRANCH: Mrs. Mary F. Peek.

PINE GROVE: Mrs. Mildred Richardson, Mrs. Kathryn Jones.

GOLD MINE: Mrs. Myrtle F. Keener.

OAK DALE: Mrs. Martha C. Shields, Mrs. Minnie S. Tallent.

BURNINGTOWN: Miss May McCoy, Mrs. R. D. West.

COWEE: E. J. Carpenter, Norman West, Miss Lolita Baldwin, Mrs. Nina T. McCoy, Miss Alice Slagle, Mrs. Merle P. Dryman, Mrs. Selma Dalton, Mrs. Dora Lee Carpenter, Mrs. Lily C. Moody.

OTTO: J. J. Mann, Mrs. J. C. Horsley, Mrs. Beatrice M. Alley, Mrs. Catherine F. Henry, Mrs. Fannie M. Arnold, Mrs. George H. Hill, Mrs. Pauline C. Holland, Mrs. Eunice C. Siler, Mrs. Gladys Kinsland.

SLAGLE: E. R. White, Mrs. Clara Harrison, Mrs. Bertha C. Smart, Mrs. Glee G. Nolen, Mrs. Fieta G. Mason.

ALLISON-WATTS: R. N. Moses, Miss Leona Southard.

KYLE: Miss Lolita Dean, Miss Stella McCoy, Miss Iva Deane Roper.

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Cabe Given 2 Years In Crunkleton Case

Need For New Courthouse Here Cited By Judge In His Charge

"This courthouse is dilapidated and inadequate for the present-day needs of your county", Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, declared in his charge to the Macon County grand jury at the opening of superior court here Monday.

Judge Nettles is presiding over the August term of court, as a result of an exchange with Judge Franklin Armstrong, of Troy, who had been scheduled to come to Franklin. The court recessed Thursday, but will resume its sessions Monday morning, and is expected to continue for several days next week.

"I have hoped for a number of years, Judge Nettles continued, that you would erect a new courthouse here that would do credit to your county and that your citizens could take pride in". He added that the present building probably can not be satisfactorily repaired, expressed regret that the county failed to take advantage of the WPA program several years ago to obtain a new courthouse, and said he hoped a new structure can be built in the near future.

In his charge, Judge Nettles emphasized the four major duties of the grand jury: Pass on bills of indictment handed it by the solicitor; make presentments, on its own initiative, of law violations; make inquiry to see that all guardians are complying with the law; ascertain if justices of the peace are making the reports required of them; and visit and inspect county institutions and other property.

"I do not subscribe to the theory that the grand jury system should be done away with", Judge Nettles told the grand jurors; "it is one of the safeguards of our government". And he added: "You can't run the courts and the government on a business basis. From an economical basis, the best thing would be to give one man autocratic authority, but people will not stand for that."

He emphasized the responsibility of the grand jurors, pointing out to them that "the solicitor cannot prosecute or the court try anyone without action by you", and he read to them oath the foreman had just taken:

"You, as foreman of this grand inquest for the body of this county, shall diligently inquire and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be given you in charge; the state's counsel, your fellows' and your own, you shall keep secret; you shall present no one for envy, hatred or malice; neither shall you leave any one unpresented for fear, favor or affection, reward, or the hope of reward; but you shall present all things truly, as they come to your knowledge, according to the best of your understanding, so help you, God."

Those named on the grand jury are: J. Harry Thomas, foreman; Parker Raby, John Early, Glenn Campbell, W. P. Peek, D. N. Fouts, G. B. Farmer, Robert Carpenter, Frank L. Henry, Jr., D. C. Byrd, Floyd Martin, D. M. Sweatman, W. A. Henderson, Fred Conley, C. R. Hodgins, Herman T. Wilson, Frank W. Reece, and Ed Vinson.

Alex Moore Slightly Hurt In Wagon Mishap

Alex Moore, former Macon County sheriff, was thrown from a wagon and knocked unconscious Wednesday morning, but apparently suffered no serious ill effects. The accident occurred near his home on Iotla street when the team he was driving ran away. Mr. Moore, after examination by physicians at Angel hospital, was able to return to his home.

Wesleyan Guild To Hold Rummage Sale Saturday

A rummage sale will be held on West Main street by members of the Mary Allman Wesleyan Guild of the Franklin Methodist church Saturday. A variety of things will be on display.

\$5,000 Paid Court First Day In Fines, Bond Forfeitures

Ted Cabe, was sentenced to two to four years for manslaughter by Judge Zeb V. Nettles, presiding, in superior court here this week. The defendant, a Macon County veteran of World War 2, pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the automobile accident death of Newton Crunkleton July 17.

Mr. Crunkleton, also a war veteran and the father of three small children, was fatally injured near the Thomas curve, on the Franklin-Highlands highway, when he was struck by Mr. Cabe's automobile. Mr. Crunkleton was walking along the highway, and was off the pavement at the time, according to the evidence.

The case was one of a large number in which the defendants plead guilty, and by the time court recessed Monday afternoon, more than \$5,000 had been collected in fines and forfeited bonds. The money will go to the school fund.

Working rapidly, the court completed the heavy criminal docket late Tuesday, and Wednesday morning began the trial of civil cases. It will take several days next week to complete the civil docket, court officials said.

Fined \$1,800

Ray Burrell is the defendant most heavily fined. Fines totaling \$1,800 and costs were imposed on him in a number of cases of prohibition law violation, driving intoxicated, carrying a concealed weapon, etc. In addition, the Judge gave him a 30 months' road sentence, to take effect if he is found in the state at any time within five years after October 1, 1946. He was fined \$1,000 in the previous term of court.

W. H. Ramsey, pleading guilty to violation of the prohibition law, was given a six months sentence, suspended on payment of a fine of \$100 and the costs, and was placed on probation.

Craig Stepp was fined \$100 and the costs for prohibition law violation, and Ralph Welch, for prohibition law violation, was fined \$50 and costs and placed on probation for five years.

In the case in which Guy L. Houk was charged with prohibition law violation, Solicitor John M. Queen took a nol pros.

Fined \$50

The following defendants, waiving bills of indictment or pleading guilty to operating motor vehicles while under the influence of liquor, were fined \$50 and the costs, each:

Mack E. Norris, Robert Davis, J. D. Jacobs, Grayson Tallent, Troy Crisp, James Leslie Hinson, Charlie Kenneth Cloer, George Waldrop, F. B. O'Mohundro, Rufus Treadway, and Shirley (Lemmie) Houston.

Don Burnett, pleading guilty to the same offense, was fined \$100 and the costs. Gus Daniel Hedden was given a six months' sentence, suspended on condition he pay \$50 and the costs, not drive a motor vehicle for two years, and remain of good behavior.

In each of these cases, the defendants were ordered to surrender their driver's licenses, and in the cases of those who had no licenses, the court ordered the state motor vehicle bureau notified so that licenses would not be issued.

Other \$50 Fines

Each of the following, who also plead guilty, was fined \$50 and the costs: Robert Munger, for carrying a concealed weapon; James Bruce Grant and George Maney, prohibition law violation; William E. Nichols, carrying a concealed weapon; and Verlin Lee Ramsey, carrying a concealed weapon. In each of the carrying concealed weapons cases, the weapon was ordered confiscated and sold.

William Swan Jenkins, also plead guilty to carrying a concealed weapon, but in view of the fact that he is a wounded war veteran, prayer for judgment was continued for two years.

Tol Crunkleton and Harry Baty were given sentences of 90 days for resisting an officer, but the sentences were suspended for two years on condition that they remain of good behavior and indulge in no intoxi-