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REGISTRATION REACHES 3,208 IN FIRST WEEK

Figures For Highlands School Not Given In Total

The total enrollment for the public schools of Macon County, exclusive of the Highlands schools, was 3,208 on August 30, according to G. L. Houk, Macon County superintendent of public education. Figures for the Highlands schools are omitted since the term does not start there until Thursday, September 12.

Figures for the white elementary school showed that 2,653 are enrolled there at present with the registration for the Negro public school being 69. Enrollment for the high schools was 480 white and 8 Negro.

Mr. Houk stated that when final figures were obtained, he expected the enrollment to be approximately 100 more than last year.

Enrollment figures for the various schools, exclusive of Highlands, are as follows: Franklin, 640 in the elementary schools and 445 high school; Iotla, 101; Clarks Chapel, 43; Cowee, 342; Salem, 83; Otto, 324; Oakdale, 51; Pine Grove, 70; Mashburn, 19; Gold Mine, 27; Higdonville, 83; Oak Ridge, 43; Watauga, 50; Briartown, 47; Union, 94; Slagle, 149; Allison-Watts, 54; Mt. Grove, 17; Holly Springs, 53; Otter Creek, 183; Kyle, 122; Sealy, 57; Chapel, 69 in the elementary and 8 in the high school.

Mrs. Gibson Severely Burned By Pressure Cooker Explosion

Mrs. Woodrow Gibson, of Cullasaja, suffered severe burns about the face and body due to the explosion of her pressure cooker while canning last Tuesday.

Mrs. Gibson received treatment at the Angel clinic and is still confined there, but her condition was reported as satisfactory by Dr. Furman Angel on Thursday.

Do You Remember...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
The Franklin High school opened Monday with an enrollment of 55 pupils. Others will be in in a few days and the prospect is flattering for a prosperous session.

Two Indian women, one young buck and a little girl passed through town Wednesday evening.

Call at the Drug Store and get your Bryan and Sewall badges. Will be on hand in a day or two.

25 YEARS AGO

ELLIJAY—It has been said that "Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark; you know what you are doing but no one else does." Higdonville people ought to take this saying to heart and begin boosting our high school. We can assure those that are interested that excellent quality teaching is going on at old H. H. S., even if little is being said about it.

BUCK CREEK—Some officers passed up Buck Creek Saturday afternoon with a large blockade still they had captured in the head of Buck Creek laurel. The proprietor wasn't at home.

10 YEARS AGO

The Macon county post of American Legion, formed in the early post-war days, with only a handful of members who seldom met, now has a membership of more than 100 World War veterans, owns a building on West Main street with a well-appointed meeting hall, and is one of the most active organizations in the county.

August passed with 4.59 inches of rain. This is only slightly below normal. Much as we have heard of dry weather this summer, the rainfall this year up to August 31 had been 43.63 inches. This is three inches above the total for the year 1935.

Excavation Nears Completion For Van Raalte Plant

Excavation for the Van Raalte plant soon to be erected here is proceeding very satisfactorily, according to L. L. Merchant, of the Merchant Construction company of Asheville, which has the contract for the construction of the new plant.

The excavation work was subject to Howard Stewart of Franklin. Mr. Stewart has been moving dirt for the past two weeks and expects to be through the latter part of this week.

Mr. Merchant states that work on the foundations would begin as soon as the excavation is completed.

INDIAN MOUND CONTRIBUTIONS REACH 734.00

Twenty-Day Extension Is Given By W. Roy Carpenter

Contributions to the Nikwasi Indian Mound reached a total of \$734.00 this past week. Although contributions are still coming in rather slowly members of the Mound association expressed confidence that they would secure the amount needed to purchase the property and make a permanent memorial of this historic site.

The time limit for reaching the goal of \$1,500.00 was extended from September 1 to September 20 by W. Roy Carpenter, present owner of the property.

Additional contributions were received this past week from the following interested parties: Bryant Furniture company, E. S. Purdam, Jack H. Wilcox, J. Bland Monroe, T. B. Higdon, Mrs. Ellen Kerr, and Burrell Motor company.

Any interested persons will please forward or give contributions to J. C. Jacobs, treasurer, Franklin, N. C.

Angel Clinic

To Distribute Medicine In This Area

The Angel Clinic has been chosen as a depot hospital for the distribution of streptomycin, the new drug, to all North Carolina hospitals west of Asheville, Dr. Furman Angel has announced.

Dr. Angel was notified of the selection of his institution—designated as Hospital No. 3415—in a letter received from the chief of the drug section, chemicals division, Civilian Production administration, Washington, D. C.

The first allotment of the drug will be 30 grams, which Dr. Angel said represents an investment of about \$1,000. It comes to Franklin from Merck and company, Rahway, N. J.

Streptomycin is the latest of the "wonder drugs," and has proved effective in cases which refuse to respond either to the sulfa drugs or to penicillin. It is very effective in the treatment of tuberculosis, Dr. Angel pointed out.

Mrs. Bennett

Taken By Death At Home Of Son

Mrs. Laura Loranine Bennett, 85, a native of Haywood county who moved to Macon in 1931, died Saturday morning at 1 o'clock at the home of her son, V. B. Bennett, of Franklin, Route 3, with whom she made her home. She had been ill for about a month.

Mrs. Bennett was a member of the Cataloochee Baptist church, in Haywood county, and the funeral services, held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, were conducted at the Yarbough cemetery in Haywood.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. M. N. Hall, of Franklin, Route 3; six sons, George Bennett, of Rabun Gap, Ga., Robert, Bartley, Eldridge, Missas, and James Bennett; three brothers, R. H. White, James White, and Ebe White; and one sister, Mrs. Ellen Fisher.

The annual Higdon family reunion will be held at the old Major Higdon place, in the Higdonville community, Sunday, September 15, it has been announced.

LOCAL LEGION OFFERS TO SELL PRESENT HOME

Money Will Be Used For Memorial To Deceased World War II Vets

At a regular meeting on September 2 the Macon Post 108 of the American Legion voted unanimously to sell the present Legion Hall. The proceeds from the sale of this building are to be used for the purpose of building a home for the caretaker of the Charlie Slagle memorial building on the property which is being given to the Legion by A. B. Slagle. This caretaker's home will be dedicated in memory of the deceased Macon county veterans of World War II.

The decision to sell the property came after an announcement by Mr. Slagle that he would deed the building he is erecting in memory of his son, Charlie Slagle, former Macon post commander, to Post 108 and the local boy scouts.

It was the expressed opinion of many Legionnaires that any money left over after the erection of the caretaker's home would be used to develop recreational facilities for the public on the property.

Roy Ledford

Arrested In Shreveport By F. B. I.

Roy W. Ledford was recently taken into custody by FBI officials in Shreveport, La. Ledford was charged with forgery. After placing the former Macon resident in the Caddo parish prison, county officials here notified of his arrest. Sheriff Bradley, accompanied by A. R. Higdon, clerk of the court, left immediately and returned with the prisoner, placing him in the Macon county jail upon arrival here.

Mr. Ledford had recently presented a check at the Quality Shop made out to Roy W. Ledford and signed by Ben McConnell. The check was found to be a forgery and the proper charges were instituted at that time.

Veterans

May Now Obtain Forms For Terminal Leave Pay

The necessary blanks for obtaining terminal leave pay have been received in Macon county this past week. These forms may be obtained from either your local post office or from Bill Bryson at the county veterans service office.

After obtaining the proper application blank, the only other necessary is either your original discharge or a certified or photostatic copy of same. If a photostatic copy is used it must be the same size as the original. Miniature photos of your discharge will not be accepted. Applications must be notarized. The above information was released by Bill Bryson, Macon county veterans service officer. Emergency leave and "boot" leave are to be computed as ordinary leave.

Travel time when specifically stated as such does not count as furlough time.

Passes not in excess of three days do not count in number of days leave taken.

Baptist Ministers Will Hold Meeting Monday

Baptist pastors of Macon County will meet at the Oak Grove Baptist church next Monday at 11:30 a. m. it is announced by the Rev. W. C. Pipes, secretary-treasurer. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church.

DILLARD FIRM ENTERTAINS WITH DINNER IN HIGHLANDS

H. E. Dillard and W. S. Quarterman, of the Rabun Produce company, Dillard, Ga., entertain friends and customers of the firm with a dinner at "The Dugout", in Highlands, Tuesday evening.

The event marked the first anniversary of Mr. Dillard's return to the business, after service in the armed forces. About 60 persons were in attendance.

The firm, organized in 1932, serves several Western North Carolina counties, as well as a large section of North Georgia.

Macon County Woman Employed In Truman's Office

Mrs. William Dunn, of Washington, D. C., who is employed as a stenographer in President Truman's office, recently returned to her home. While here she visited her sister, Mrs. Jess Miller, of Sealy, and friends. Mrs. Dunn was accompanied by her husband, William Dunn, also of Washington.

While visiting here Mrs. Dunn expressed admiration for President Truman and commented on the fact that the President always had such a nice smile for every one.

Mrs. Dunn served in the same capacity in the late President Roosevelt's office.

J. T. Roane, 86, Leading Citizen Dies

J. Thomas Roane, 86, died at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Virgie Solesoe, on upper Cartoogehaye, on Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock following a period of illness.

Mr. Roane, son of the late John Roane and Mary Slagle Roane, was born on January 7, 1860. He spent most of his life in the Cartoogehaye community and was a member of Maiden's Chapel Methodist church. His wife, formerly Miss Sallie Nichols, passed away several years ago.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Maiden's Chapel Methodist church, with the Rev. Robert Poindexter, pastor, officiating. The burial was in the church cemetery.

Pall bearers were Quince Roane, Larry Roane, Curt Roane, Holan Roane, Clyde Roane and Rondell Conley, all grandsons of the deceased.

Surviving Mr. Roane are: one daughter, Mrs. Fred Conley, of Franklin, and four sons, George, Frank, Zeb and Ellis, all of Cartoogehaye.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bryant's Funeral home.

30 Candidates

Report For First Football Practice Aug. 29

Franklin High school held the first practice of the fall football season Thursday, August 29 with more than 30 candidates for the team on hand.

Coach Crawford expressed the opinion that the outlook for a successful season was the brightest in several seasons. Although the team faces a hard schedule with 12 lettermen returning from last year's team the "winning team" spirit is high at this time.

A tentative schedule has been announced as follows:

September 13, open. September 20, Brevard there. September 27, Murphy here. October 4, Bryson City there. October 18, open. October 25, Hayesville, here. November 1, open. November 8, Bryson City, here. November 15, Murphy, there. Thanksgiving, Hayesville, there. (Two games pending with Sylva).

Dr. Fisher

To Begin General Practice Here Soon

Dr. Ernest W. Fisher is locating in Franklin for the practice of medicine, and will open his offices in the Ashear building as soon as repairs and redecoration work can be completed. He and Mrs. Fisher have rented Miss Mary Willis' home on Harrison avenue, and moved to Franklin from Bryson City this week.

A native of Swain county, Dr. Fisher entered the army medical corps shortly after completing his medical education, and was released only recently, after four years' service.

He did his college work at the University of North Carolina, was graduated from the South Carolina Medical college at Charleston, and served his internship at Watts hospital, in Durham.

The best varieties of alfalfa to plant in North Carolina are Kansas, Oklahoma, and Utah common.

Slot Machines Seized In Thursday Raid On 'Dugout'

L. G. Appley, of Highlands and Miami, Fla., was released under \$200 cash bond following a raid on the "Dugout", a nightclub near Highlands of which Mr. Appley is the owner and operator.

The raid was made about 1 o'clock Thursday morning, September 5, by North Carolina state highway patrolman P. J. Smith, sheriff J. P. Bradley, and deputy sheriff Walter Dean. Six slot machines which take nickels, dimes and quarters, were seized in the raid and Mr. Appley was charged with the operation of slot machines which is illegal in this state.

HAYES GREGORY WINS AWARD

Macon Youth Given Trip To Future Farmers Convention

Hayes Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Gregory of Rabbit Creek, was recently announced winner of the farm program contest recently conducted by Chilean Nitrate of Soda company, for the fifth district. Young Gregory will receive a free trip to the National Future Farmers of America convention to be held in Kansas City, Mo., as a result of having received this singular honor.

Gregory is the second Macon County boy to win this award in the past five years that the contest has been running. Harry Kinsland, now an outstanding dairyman in Buncombe County, won the award five years ago.

Phases of the young farmer's work which were judged to be particularly outstanding were proper feeding of beef cattle, fattening of steers, corn and hay culture and pig raising.

In addition to this, Hayes assisted in making many improvements in the Gregory home which included the installing of running water.

The National Future Farmers convention to which young Gregory won a trip will be held the third week in October in conjunction with the American Royal Livestock show.

J. B. Porter

To Give Organ Recital At Methodist Church

James Bryson Porter, well known organist, assisted by his wife, Mrs. Ellen Jane L. Porter, pianist, will give an organ recital at the Franklin Methodist church tonight (Thursday) at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter, who make their home in Dayton, Ohio, are here visiting Mr. Porter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Porter, and to attend the wedding of Mr. Porter's sister, Miss Lane Porter, September 10.

The program for the recital follows:

Prelude and Fugue in E Major (the St. Anne), by J. S. Bach; "When Thou Art Near", Bach; "Sheep May Safely Graze", Bach, (organ and piano); "Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls", Brahms; "My Heart is Filled With Longing" (second setting), Brahms; "O World, I Now Must Leave Thee", Brahms; Firework Music—"Overture", "The Rejoicing", "The Peace", "Bourree", and "Finale"—G. F. Handel; Prelude Fugue and Variations, C. Franck; and Mendelssohn's Sonata Number 6—Chorale and Variations; Fugue; and Andante

Bryson

Appointed New Veterans Service Officer

Upon the resignation of Bob S. Sloan as County Service Officer, Bill Bryson, of Franklin, was appointed by the County Commissioners to fill this position at their last regular meeting.

The new Service Officer stated that he would maintain his office in the same location and that the office would be open from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. each week day except Saturday. He plans to close at noon Saturday.

Mr. Bryson in assuming his new duties, expressed the desire that every Veteran would feel free to call on him for assistance at any time.

CAGLES SELL MOTOR COURT TO SANDERS

Clyde And Bob Sanders Pay Approximately \$47,000.00

Announcement was made early this week of the purchase of the property formerly known as Cagle's Motor Court by Clyde and Bob Sanders of Franklin. Purchase was made from A. G. and A. H. Cagle, who had only recently completed the construction of this modern tourist court.

The property is located on highway U. S. 23, south, one and one-half mile from Franklin, and consists of 12 modern electrically heated tourist cabins and cafe.

While no purchase price was given by the interested parties, stamps on the deed recorded in the register of deeds office indicated that a consideration of \$47,000.00 was involved in the sale.

Management of the court was taken over last Saturday by the Sanders brothers who stated that the name of the establishment would be changed to Sanders Motor Court.

A. H. Cagle, one of the sellers, stated that if material could be obtained that the Cagle brothers would begin the construction of another tourist court as there is a great need for this type of business in Franklin.

Van Raalte

Official Well Pleased With Situation

The Van Raalte company, which is excavating for a textile plant in East Franklin, is highly pleased with the type of labor found in this community, according to J. W. Crawford.

Mr. Crawford, of Paterson, N. J., and New York, who is the firm's chief building supervisor, was here Tuesday and Wednesday to check on progress at the plant site.

Mr. Crawford's remarks about the high type of labor here were prompted by the company's experience in its small hose-mending operation, being conducted in the Leach building on Main street.

At that location 11 Macon County young women are being trained to mend Nylon hose in which there are manufacturing flaws. The work, done chiefly by hand, is under the direction of Mrs. Edith Wishon, a native of Ohio who came here from the Van Raalte plant at Blue Ridge, Ga.

Softball League

Three Teams Tied For First Place

The Franklin Softball League completed the season with three teams tied for first place. The Oilers, Lions club, and Rotary club all tied for first place with 13 wins and eight losses each. The remainder of the teams in the league finished in the following order and these results: American Legion 11-9, Franklin High school, 10-10, Nantahala Power and Light company, 10-11, Burrell Motor company, 10-14, Highlands Briar, 6-5.

Officials of the league have not reached a decision concerning a play-off for the league championship.

Smokey Says:



The surface fire creeping through the woods does more damage than you may think. A wild fire too small to destroy mature trees, still will kill off seedling growth, the forest of tomorrow.