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## FOREST GROUP TO HOLD FIRE TRAINING MEET

### 40 Expected To Attend 3-Day Course At Wilson Lick

Personnel from the Nantahala National forest and cooperating agencies will hold a three-day fire training meeting at the Wilson Lick ranger station, on the Wayah Bald road, next week.

About 40 persons are expected to be present for the talks and demonstrations.

The meeting, designed to give the fire-fighting personnel "a running start on the fire season", will get under way at 8 a. m. Monday and continue through Wednesday afternoon.

Assistant Supervisor H. C. Eriksson will be in charge of the training meeting, with Walter L. Lane serving as mess officer, J. E. Tipton as supply and billeting officer, and W. L. Lane as entertainment officer.

Those on the program include E. W. Renshaw, forest supervisor, John Wasilik, Jr., John Olson, C. E. Woody, J. D. Alsip, Mr. Eriksson, Mr. Tipton, and Mr. Lane.

## Eight From Macon Attend District P. T. A. Conference

Eight Macon County women attended the annual conference of the first district, North Carolina, Congress of Parents and Teachers, at Hazelwood Tuesday.

Mrs. R. S. Jones, one of the group, was elected as a member of the nominating committee to select a slate of officers to be presented at next year's conference.

Others attending from this county were Mrs. Allen Siler, Mrs. W. E. Hunnicutt, and Mrs. Weimar Jones, of the Franklin association, and Mrs. Frank Gibson, Mrs. Fred McGaha, Mrs. Leo Hurst, and Mrs. C. C. Welch, of the Cowee association.

## Do You Remember...? (Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Silver clubs are being organized all over Macon County, and the people are in earnest about free coinage.

The colored female preacher that spent over a week here claimed that someone stole her money, about six dollars, just before she left here.

We will take jury tickets on subscriptions and pay full face value for them.

Several gentlemen were "touched" by pickpockets in Asheville at the Bryan speaking. Our senior was relieved of \$11.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The annual reunion of the United States Confederate Veterans will be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., this year. No doubt several of the veterans of this county will want to attend.

Ellijay: With so many still being taken, a meeting held recently, and a good school being taught by Miss Jolly, our community should progress.

Mr. Lewis B. Angel was calling on our merchants the first of this week.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Eagle Scout badges were presented to two members of the Franklin troop of Boy Scouts at a district court of honor held Monday night at the Franklin Methodist church, and bronze eagle palms were awarded to two other local Scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Morrison announce the birth of a daughter at their home at West's Mill, September 19.

## Mrs. Ammons Ill From Black Widow Spider Bite

Mrs. Frank Ammons, of Prentiss, was admitted to the Angel clinic Wednesday at midnight, suffering from the bite of a black widow spider.

Physicians at the clinic said her condition was serious when she was admitted, but that she promptly improved after black widow serum was administered.

The spider, a very large one, bit her on the left arm. It was killed by Mr. Ammons.

## \$164 Won By Macon Boys At Calf Show

Premiums of \$9.50 for blue ribbon winners, \$9 for red ribbon winners, and \$8.50 for white ribbons in the Western North Carolina Junior Dairy show in Asheville a fortnight ago, will be awarded to contestants by the Asheville Merchants' association, G. B. Dixon, assistant county agent, has announced.

Total winnings for the 14 calves from Macon county for premiums and fitting was \$165.50. The haul and feed bill to be deducted from this figure.

Macon County exhibitors who will receive premiums are as follows:

Blue ribbon—Adolph Conley, Jerry Potts, Freddie (Bo) Setser and William Waldrop.

Red ribbon—Claude Allen, Tom Cabe, Bobby Joe Corbin, Fred Deal, Lee Downs, Eugene Grey, Victor Teague, Bobby Tippet, and Wayne Stewart.

White ribbon—Hoyt Brookshire, Frank Deal, John Kinsland, Melvin Penland, and Wayne Stewart.

## S. R. Joines Is Taken By Death In High Point

News has been received here of the death of Shade R. Joines, 60, of High Point, former owner of the Ford automobile agency here, in High Point Monday.

Mr. Joines, who came to Franklin about 1920, purchased the Ford agency from Nimrod Stiles, and built the structure that is now occupied by the Bryant funeral home. He lived here for a number of years, later leaving the business with his brother, John Joines, and opening a Ford agency in Brevard. For the past few years he has resided in High Point.

While in Franklin, Mr. Joines and members of his family took active part in the work of the Franklin Baptist church and of civic organizations.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, the former Miss May E. Taylor, are two sons, Rufus and Paul Joines, of High Point; one daughter, Mrs. James Jennings of Greenville, S. C.; his mother; and two brothers, John Joines and J. M. Joines; and a sister, Mrs. Carl Jones.

## Burned McCollum House On Bidwell To Be Torn Down

The residential property of Mrs. Mary Eller McCollum on Bidwell street has been purchased by the Duncan Motor company, and the charred remains of the house will be pulled down, it was announced this week. The house, occupied at the time by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allred, burned several months ago.

The foundations and floor are undamaged, it was said, and will be saved, and the floor covered. A new house will be built when materials are available.

## Regional Forest Office Officials Visit Nantahala

Officials of the Atlanta regional office of the U. S. Forest service have been here this week for conferences with Nantahala National forest officials.

Here from Atlanta were P. F. W. Prater, assistant regional forester in charge of personnel; R. M. Conarso, regional officer in charge of information and education; and Otis Taylor, regional photographer.

The two latter were doing preliminary work on a new photographic series of the Nantahala forest, including both still and motion pictures, the latter plain and in color.

## Memorial Loan Fund Of \$1,000 Set Up By Agriculture Students

Among Macon County's dead of World War 2 were seven young men who had been agriculture students of E. J. Whitmire in Franklin High school.

One death announcement was quickly followed by another, and then another, and then another.

On the younger boys who had followed these soldiers and sailors into Mr. Whitmire's classes, the repeated "I deeply regret to inform you" telegrams made a deep impression. Many of the youngsters had known—and almost worshipped—the dead youths. And even where there was no personal acquaintance, there was the close tie of common membership in the Future Farmers of America.

The agriculture students of the war years said little, but they went to work.

And last Friday the executive committee of the local FFA chapter established a \$1,000 loan fund in memory of the chapter's seven who gave their all for their country.

Lester Harding Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carpenter.

George Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gray.

Wayne Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bradley.

Lewis Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Norton.

John Keener, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Keener.

Joe Mashburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mashburn.

George Martin, son of Mrs. J. T. Martin.

The memorial loan fund will be available only to boys taking vocational agriculture in the Franklin High school. Its purpose is to stimulate improved practices in farming, such as purebred livestock, purebred seed, and the development of

## Mrs. Merrill Is Elected Clerk By Highlands Board

Mrs. Virginia Merrill, Highlands business woman, was unanimously elected clerk of the Town of Highlands by the town's board of aldermen, at a meeting Tuesday night.

She succeeds Jack H. Wilcox, resigned.

Mrs. Merrill is the daughter of Mrs. J. Q. Pierson and of the late Mr. Pierson. (Story of Mr. Wilcox' resignation on page 3.)

## Grindstaff Named 3-County Buyer For Mica Concern

Graham W. Grindstaff, of Franklin, widely known in mica circles, has been appointed by the Asheville Mica company as that firm's resident buyer for the counties of Macon, Jackson, and Haywood, the Asheville concern announced this week. The appointment is effective October 1.

Mr. Grindstaff will succeed his uncle, W. E. Grindstaff, who died recently.

The Franklin man, who returned to Macon county about a year ago from New England, where he bought mica in Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, was with Asheville Mica company for a long period about 20 years ago. He and Mrs. Grindstaff are completing a home on the Highlands road.

## Baptist Pastors To Meet October 5th In Highlands

The Macon County Baptist Pastors' conference will be held at the Highlands Baptist church Saturday, October 5, starting at 11:30 a. m.

The time of the monthly meetings of the conference has been changed, it was explained by the Rev. W. C. Pipes, secretary and treasurer. The meetings in the past have been held on the first Monday in each month, but starting with October, the conferences will be held on the Saturday before the first Sunday.

W. C. Burrell, a patient at the Angel hospital for the past two weeks, is reported improved.

## Tallahula Falls Puts On Diesel Engine For Mail-Express

The Tallahula Falls Railway has put on a diesel engine to power its mail-express train.

The engine made a trial run over the road Sunday, and went on daily schedule Monday.

The new engine, it was explained by R. G. Beshears, station agent, will release a steam engine to handle freight. As a result, the line now has three, instead of the former two, freight engines, and with the additional engine it is hoped that the regular schedule of a daily freight train can be maintained.

The diesel is used on what formerly was the passenger train, but now handles only mail and express. Passenger traffic was discontinued about two months ago.

## 4,545 Trout Caught In 6 Forest Areas

During the 1946 trout season, 1,523 fishermen caught 4,545 fish in the six cooperative wildlife management areas of the Nantahala National forest, it was announced this week at the forest headquarters here.

The average catch was approximately three fish per fisherman.

The numbers taken from the various areas follow:

Standing Indian, 842; Santeetlah, 1,225; Barker's Creek, 459; Wayah, 413; Fines Creek, 1,138; and Cliffside Lake, 468.

Each of the fishermen paid the \$1 fee for the privilege of fishing in the wildlife areas, and the money will be divided half and half between the cooperating agencies—the Nantahala forest and the N. C. division of game and inland fisheries. The funds will be spent in restocking and similar work, it was explained.

Well over half of those fishing in the streams, forest officials said, were local persons.

## Former Macon Woman Shot Through Head In Graham

Miss Bonnie Bowers, 22, a bow Springs community, was bow Springs community, was fatally shot last Sunday night at Robbinsville.

Funeral services were scheduled for this (Thursday) afternoon at the Cartoogechaye Baptist church, with the Rev. James Chappell officiating, and burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Miss Bowers was shot through the head. Her brother-in-law, Clarence Sneed, of Robbinsville, was arrested in connection with the shooting, and released under bond of \$1,000 for his appearance at a hearing set for October 21.

The shooting was said to have occurred when Miss Bowers, Sneed, Sneed's wife, and Frank Shuler, of Robbinsville, were standing together in front of the Bowers home.

Miss Bowers, with members of her family, lived at Rainbow Springs when the Ritter Lumber company was operating there.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Thelma Bowers; two sisters, Mrs. Sneed and Miss Margie Bowers, the latter of New York City; and four brothers, Albert, Carl, Troy, and Billy Bowers, all of Robbinsville.

## Singing Convention Will Be Held Sunday

The Fifth Sunday Singing convention will be held in the courthouse on Sunday, it has been announced by James M. Raby, president. Singers are expected from Georgia and South Carolina, as well as from the adjoining counties. Quartets, duets and classes from various sections of the county also are expected to attend and take part in the day's program. The singing is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock and continue through the day. The public is invited to attend.

The condition of E. T. Calloway, who has been critically ill at his home on Bonny Crest for several days, was unchanged Thursday.

## NEW DONATIONS PUSH FUND FOR MOUND TO \$1,178

### Owner Gives More Time To Raise \$322 Still Required

Additional contributions amounting to \$139 were reported this week to the fund to buy the Nikwasi Indian Mound, bringing the total to date to \$1,178.

This is \$322 short of the amount needed to buy the mound property.

Meanwhile, since the goal was so nearly reached, W. Roy Carpenter, owner of the property, agreed to give a reasonable amount of additional time. The option, which previously had been extended, was to have expired September 20.

The latest contribution received this week was a check for \$5 from Mrs. Virginia D. Ramsey's seventh grade room of the Franklin school, made up of nickles, dimes, and quarters brought by the children.

Other rooms in the school, it was understood, also are collecting funds.

Of the 22 contributions received during the past week, three came from Franklin, two from Highlands, and 17 from former Macon County residents who now live elsewhere. The out-of-county donations came from 11 states besides North Carolina.

The latest list of donors, in addition to Mrs. Ramsey's room, follows:

Lewis V. Angel, of Haines City, Fla.; Miss Dorothea Harbison, of Highlands; the Quality Shop, Dr. John Paul Jones, of Wakefield, R. I.; Mrs. Floy S. England, of Knoxville, Tenn.; W. E. Hunnicutt, S. M. Long, of Sedro Wooley, Wash.; Carl H. Hall, of Ford du Lac, Wis.; Lawrence J. Holt, of Lansing, Mich.; Mrs. Frank Williams, of Spokane, Wash.; Rebecca Bridges, of Tarboro, Mrs. Jessie Z. Moreland, of Highlands; Mrs. Lloyd Hammond, of Ontario, Calif.; J. F. Walden, of Metamora, Ill.; Mrs. A. E. Skaggs, of Portland, Ore.; Miss Annie Will Shuler, of New York City; Mrs. John N. Parker, of Sedro Wooley, Wash.; Mrs. M. E. Smith, of Raleigh; Mrs. L. H. Higdon, of Pontiac, Mich.; Mrs. Howard Wilkie, of Skyland, and Mrs. Roy Thompson, of Arlberg, Ark.

## Here's Data On Overseas Christmas Package Mailing

Christmas packages for army personnel overseas may be mailed without request slips between October 15 and November 15, Maj. George F. Heinz, postal officer of the Seventh army, has announced.

That gives relatives and friends of the GIs a month longer to mail packages to insure their arrival overseas by Christmas day than was the case during the war, Maj. Heinz stated, due to the great reduction of soldiers in foreign fields since the shooting stopped.

Only one package may be mailed by any one person to any individual overseas in any one week during the mailing period specified. The weight limit per package is 70 pounds, and the package may measure not to exceed 100 inches in length and girth combined.

For Army personnel sent overseas shortly before or subsequent to November 15, packages will be accepted up to December 10, but the sender must present a change of address card from the addressee, received subsequent to October 30, and these packages must be marked "Christmas Parcel". Only one such parcel will be accepted from any one individual.

A change from the war years is noted in the fact that parcels may be insured or registered, but they must be securely packed or wrapped to be acceptable.

No liquor, matches, combustibles, ammunition, revolvers or other firearms may be mailed, and no perishables.

## The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	75	56	....
Friday	79	55	....
Saturday	83	54	....
Sunday	71	57	.48
Monday	73	64	.81
Tuesday	81	64	....
Wednesday	82	61	....