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SLAGLE HEADS WESTERN N. C. WELFARE BODY

Macon Man First Member Of Board So Honored By District Group

Carl S. Slagle, well known Macon county citizen, was elected president of the Western North Carolina District Welfare conference, at the organization's meeting in Asheville last Thursday.

Mr. Slagle, who is chairman of the Macon County Department of Public Welfare, is the first county board member ever to hold the office of district president. In the past, the organization always has chosen its presidents from among the county superintendents of welfare.

Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, Macon County superintendent of welfare, was elected secretary of the conference, which embraces the welfare departments of 18 counties.

A Haywood county man, J. S. Boyd, Jr., was elected vice-president.

Mr. Slagle, who has been chairman of the county welfare group since the death of J. E. Perry in 1943, has served as a member since it was set up, at the time public assistance was inaugurated in 1937. And during the nine years' service he attended every one of the board's monthly meetings.

Mrs. Potts, the new secretary of the district organization, has served as county superintendent of welfare here since the department was organized in 1937.

2 Hearings Postponed Again; Set For Friday

Hearings for James Hauser and J. J. Mann, charged with election law violations, were again postponed when the cases came before Justice of the Peace C. A. Setser Monday. The cases are set for 2 and 3 p. m., respectively, Friday afternoon of this week.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
If you owe the editor a whipping, come right along and settle it. We need all that is due us.

We are of the opinion that "Jim Crow" voted the Republican ticket at the election, but has repented. Last Friday he came and sat on our window sill and looked through the glass as though he was in trouble. We offered our ink tube and he tried to peck the cap off through the glass. We presented McKinley's picture and he flew away in disgust. He then picked up a cake of soap on uncle Jack Johnson's wash board, and flew to the roof of Goldberg's house and ate it to clean his conscience. We think Jim will be Democratic hereafter.

25 YEARS AGO
HOLLY SPRINGS: L. A. Berry had a corn shucking last Wednesday. He certainly had the help, there being some over forty, and plenty of good things to eat. Wish he would have more shuckings or more good dinners and invite the writer.

SCROLL NEWS: Mr. Thurman Southards and Mr. Spurgeon Sanders have been trading some recently. They swapped Floyd Houston two hound dogs for a wagon. Some other people have been swapping cattle for cattle, others have been swapping horses for pastime and results.

10 YEARS AGO
Friends of W. B. Kesler, formerly a member of the faculty of the Franklin high school, will be interested to learn that he is making an outstanding success in the life insurance business in Salisbury.

The people of the Cowee township want a community high school and are planning to take active steps to obtain one. R. C. Rickman is president of the North Macon Betterment association.

27 Suits For Divorce Listed On December Court Calendar

Twenty-seven divorce cases are on the calendar of the December term of superior court, which will open here Monday morning.

If the divorces are all granted, it will be a divorce rate in this county of nearly two per thousand population, for a single term of court.

On the criminal docket there are only 21 new cases.

This compares with 51 new criminal cases on the calendar at the August court term.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles, who held court here in August, again will preside, and Solicitor John M. Queen, of Waynesville, will be here for his last term of Macon superior court. His successor as solicitor of this district, Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, will take office the first of January.

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	55	35	.19
Friday	57	45	
Saturday	59	28	
Sunday	58	25	
Monday	70	51	
Tuesday	69	57	.18*

John Edwards Promoted To Experiment Station Position

John W. Edwards, timber management assistant of the Nantahala National forest, has been promoted to the position of forest superintendent of the Southeastern Forest Experiment station at Coweta, it was announced this week at the Nantahala forest headquarters here. Mr. Edwards is moving his family to Coweta this week, and will assume his new duties December 1.

He is being succeeded as timber management assistant by E. F. Hays, who was transferred here from the Appalachian Forest experiment station, near Asheville. Mr. Hays, a native of Charleston, W. Va., has already arrived to take up his new duties. He plans to bring his wife and their child to Franklin in the spring.

Mr. Edwards, a native of Macon County, has been with the Nantahala forest for the past 12 years. He has served as scoutmaster of the Franklin Boy Scout troop for the past two years, and at the request of the troop committee, will continue as scoutmaster until a suitable successor can be chosen.

Higdonville Girls Defeat Cherokee; Boys Lose, 34-32

Led by the timely scoring of A. L. Moses and M. Berry and the all-round support of their teammates, the Higdonville elementary girls avenged an early season defeat by the Cherokee Indian High school by defeating Cherokee on the Sylva court, 17-11.

Line-up: Forwards, Berry, A. Moses, J. Evitt; guards, Mashburn, Holland, and McDowell; sub—H. Moses.

The high school boys dropped a nip-and-tuck affair to the Cherokee Hi boys in a second over-time period by a score of 34-32. H. Moses and J. Stamey led the scoring. Line-up, Higdonville—F. D. Moses, R. Smith, C. H. Moses; guards, J. L. Stamey and S. J. Fulton; sub—G. Stamey; referee, Sutton of Sylva.

AAA Committee Election Here Set For Dec. 7

The Agricultural Conservation Program (AAA) Community committee election will be held Saturday, December 7. The polling places will be announced later.

Farmers in each community will elect a committee of three farmers, plus two alternates. At the same time, a farmer delegate to the county convention will be chosen who, with delegates from other communities, will elect a three-man county committee.

Eligible farmers are being urged to show their interest in the local administration of national farm programs by full attendance at the meetings.

Pvt. Charles M. Mincey Has Arrived In Italy

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Mincey, of the Ellijay community, have received word that their son, Pvt. Charles M. Mincey, has arrived safely overseas. He is now in Italy, serving with the army signal corps.

LOCAL TALENT SHOW PLANNED

'Cornzapoppin', Under P. T. A. Auspices, To Be Given 2 Nights

Tuneful choruses, gay costumes, and drills and dances will be featured in "Cornzapoppin", a "grand ole opey" performance to be staged at the courthouse Friday and Saturday nights, December 6 and 7.

The show, sponsored by the Franklin Parent-Teacher association as a benefit to raise funds for its activities, will have a local talent cast of characters, but will be directed by a professional director who is here to put on the two performances.

Those who will appear in the production are now being selected.

The show will open with "Farmerettes", dressed in overalls, brilliant shirts, and straw hats, singing "I Like Mountain Music", and dancing to their singing.

The "Mazie Mae" number, to the music of "Put Your Little Foot Down", also will be featured, and proves popular with most audiences.

The "Rug Cutters" swing out, and the "Debutantes", in long, flowing evening dresses, are as graceful as the music is tuneful.

Specialties, singing, and dancing make of "Cornzapoppin" what is said to be a colorful and hilarious performance.

Tickets for the show will go on sale within the next few days.

Presbyterians To Hold Stewardship Conference Here

A conference on stewardship will be held at the Franklin Presbyterian church December 12, led by the Rev. James Patton, of Atlanta, secretary of the committee on stewardship of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, it has been announced.

The general subject will be "The Church Budget—A Means of Worship to the Glory of God."

The conference here is one of four to be held in this Presbytery. The others will be at Mills River, Asheville, and Murphy.

Benefit Musical Program To Be Given Tuesday

Charlie Monroe and his string band will appear at the courthouse Tuesday night in a program sponsored by the Higdonville basketball team, it has been announced.

Bill Horsley, who recently underwent a serious operation at Angel hospital, and who remained in a critical condition for several days, is able to be out on the street again.

Four-Fifths Of This County Is Forest Land Protected By N. C., U. S. Against Fire

Four-fifths of Macon County is forest land protected from fire through the cooperation of the U. S. and State Forest services, figures compiled by J. Fred Bryson, county warden of the N. C. Forest service, show.

Of the 332,800 acres within the county's borders, he said, 121,000 are protected by the state, and 145,000 by the U. S. Forest service.

The State Forest service, which is a part of the Department of Conservation and De-

NEW OFFICIALS TO TAKE OFFICE NEXT MONDAY

County Officers Are To Be Sworn In At Court Opening

Macon County officials, chosen in the election November 5, will take office Monday.

All the officers, new and re-elected, will be sworn in at the opening of the December term of superior court. The court is set to open at 10 a. m.

The custom is for the presiding judge to give the oath of office to the clerk of the superior court, and then for the clerk to swear in the other officials.

Four years ago, the clerk swore in the register of deeds first; then the county commissioners, as a group; and then the other officials, one at a time.

Those who will take the oath Monday are:

J. Clinton Brookshire, clerk of the court; Lake V. Shope, register of deeds; E. W. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman, W. W. Edwards, and J. W. Roane, commissioners; J. P. Bradley, sheriff; O. L. Blaine, coroner; and John H. Dalton, surveyor.

The surveyor holds office for two years. All other officials will be sworn in for terms of four years.

'Coon Hunts To Be Held In Graham Areas

Ten raccoon hunts are scheduled for the Santeetlah cooperative wildlife management area in Graham county between December 13 and 31, it has been announced at the headquarters here of the Nantahala National forest.

This is one of a series of organized hunts conducted on the management areas.

It also was announced by the forest headquarters that heavy restocking of deer in this region of North Carolina is under way. It was added that streams in the Standing Indian refuge were recently restocked with brown trout.

'Coon hunts will be held the nights of December 13, 14, 17, 19, and 20 on each of two areas—Unit No. 1, Big and Little Santeetlah creeks, Horse Cove, Apey, Atooga, and intervening small branches; and Unit No. 2, Rock creek, Deep creek, Barker creek, Yellow Hammer and intervening small branches.

Each applicant must submit with his application a postal money order or cashier's check for \$5; in the event an applicant is not chosen for a hunt, his fee will be refunded. In the event more applications are received than hunts are scheduled, successful applicants will be determined by a public drawing.

Will Make Final Plans For Burley Mart In Asheville

Final operation plans for the 17th annual burley tobacco sales season in Asheville, including the selection of the warehouse to have the first sale of the season, will be announced following a series of meetings of market officials in the Langren hotel Saturday.

Macon Falls

Featured By Magazine In Article On N. C.

With all North Carolina to select from, Travel and Camera magazine picked Bridal Veil Falls, on the Franklin-Highlands highway, as one of the six points of interest in the state to use to illustrate a recent article it published on North Carolina.

The 1,500 word article has just been reprinted by the news bureau of the State Department of Conservation and Development, for distribution throughout the country.

The six sketches which illustrate it picture golf in the Sand Hills area, the Well and "Old East" at Chapel Hill, fishing, Blowing Rock, Wright memorial, and Bridal Veil Falls.

The text refers to Nantahala Gorge, part of which lies in this county, and the Winding Stair road, as well as the Bridal Veil Falls.

SCHOOLS HAVE ENOUGH COAL

Will Not Be Affected By Strike; Dealers Have Little On Hand

Macon County schools will be unaffected by the soft coal strike, which threatens to force the closing of schools in many parts of the country, as well as paralyzing industry.

Supt. Guy L. Houk said this week that the winter's fuel supply for the schools which use coal already has been bought and delivered. About one-third of the county's schools use coal, while the others are heated with wood stoves.

Nor has the strike so far interfered with operation of trains on the Tallulah Falls Railway, it was said at the railway station here.

The supply of coal on hand here is very small.

L. B. Phillips said that he has no coal whatever, except for a small quantity for use in stokers, and that it would take five or six carloads to enable him to fill the orders he has on hand.

Rufus Snyder said that he has a small amount of coal on hand, which is being furnished customers only in quantities of 10-day supply to those who are without coal. This is in compliance with federal regulations.

The hospitals and the Nantahala creamery have first priority, under the regulations, with homes in second place.

Mr. Snyder added that he felt there was no need for any suffering here, in view of the supply of wood available.

State Board Acts In Swain County's Election Contest

In the Swain county election controversy, growing out of charges of Republicans with regard to the sheriff's race, the state board of elections in Raleigh Tuesday took three actions.

The state board: Ordered the Swain county board of elections to forward a transcript of the record of its recent hearing on the case to the state board.

Gave the Republicans a week in which to file an appeal from the decision of the county board.

And ordered the Swain board to open the election records to the Republicans of that county.

Press Issued Day Early So Staff Can Have Holiday

In order to permit members of the staff to have a holiday on Thanksgiving, The Press, this week was published Wednesday night, instead of the usual Thursday afternoon.

Radio Program Planned For Saturday Canceled

The radio program scheduled for Saturday night at the courthouse, under the sponsorship of the second grade of the Franklin school, has been canceled, it was announced Wednesday.

Spotted Poland China breeders sold 19 choice gilts and boars at Rocky Mount for \$1,667.50 in their first purebred sale.

DILLS, PRISON GUARD, KILLED IN AUTO MISHAP

Funeral Held On Sunday; Henson, Driver, Is Exonerated

William A. Dills, 62, resident of the Cartoogechaye community and senior guard at the Macon County State Prison camp here, was fatally injured Friday night about 7 o'clock on the Georgia highway when he was struck by a car driven by Calvin Henson, of Otto. Mr. Dills died in Angel hospital three hours later.

The accident occurred near Panorama Court, a mile south of Franklin, when Mr. Dills came down an embankment into the highway in front of the approaching car.

At the coroner's inquest, held by Coroner George Wallace Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, Mr. Henson, 23-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Henson, of Otto, was exonerated. Deputy Sheriff Walter Dean reported that indications were Mr. Dills, in coming down the embankment into the highway, lost his balance and was unable to stop. Coming down the embankment on the west side of the highway, he ran on across the road into the path of the Henson car, which was headed toward Franklin, the evidence indicated.

Mr. Dean said indications were that Mr. Henson, who is a veteran of World War 2 and formerly operated a cafe in Franklin, applied his brakes 20 or 30 feet before the point of impact, and that he swerved his automobile, first to the right, and then to the left, in an effort to avoid striking Mr. Dills. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the accident was "unavoidable."

Mr. Henson took Mr. Dills to the hospital, where it was found that he had suffered a fractured skull, compound fractures of the left leg, multiple lacerations, and severe shock.

Mr. Dills, a life-long resident of Macon county, was reared in the Cartoogechaye section of the county and had farmed most of his life until four years ago, when he became an employe of the state at the prison camp. In 1914 he was married to Miss Villa Rogers, of Cherokee county, who survives.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Cartoogechaye Baptist church, with the Rev. William L. Sorrells, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of the St. Agnes Episcopal church, Franklin, and the Rev. S. T. McGinnis, pastor of the Longview Baptist church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were Fred Dills, Luther Dills, Frank Johnson, Floyd Dills, J. Harold Brookshire and Earl Dills.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, are five sons, Lyle, J. D., Turner and David Dills, all of Franklin, Route 1, and Arthur Dills, of Dillard, Ga.; three daughters, Mrs. Belton Waldrup, Mrs. Monroe Lewis and Miss Louise Dills, all of Franklin, Route 1; two brothers, Charlie Dills, of Franklin, Route 1, and Dutch Dills, of Franklin, Route 3; and 14 grandchildren.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Franklin Circuit Will Hold Quarterly Meeting

The first quarterly conference of the Franklin Methodist circuit will be held Sunday afternoon, December 1, at 3 o'clock at the Salem Methodist church at Cullasaja, with the Rev. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Waynesville district, in charge. All church officials are requested to be present, it was announced by the Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor.

7 From Macon Attend Baptists' Convention

Seven persons from this county attended the State Baptist convention in Asheville last week.

Those attending were the Rev. Charles E. Parker, John M. Archer, Dr. G. B. Woodward, E. R. White, H. H. Plimmons, and Charles Potts, all from the Franklin church; and Dr. Thom Carter, of Highlands.