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Annex To Be Built By Presbyterians

Plan S. S. Rooms, Chapel, Recreation Hall, And Pastor's Study

Plans for enlarging the Franklin Presbyterian church were announced this week.

The building program calls for construction of an educational annex, at the rear of the present structure; installation of a central heating system; and repairs to the church proper, including restoration of the steeple and bell tower. The old steeple was struck by lightning a number of years ago.

The enlargement is necessitated, church officers said, by the continuing growth of the Sunday school.

The project is expected to cost between \$6,000 and \$10,000, and it is hoped that construction can get under way this spring or early in the summer.

The annex will be built of brick, like the present structure, and it was explained that it will be so designed as to be in keeping with the church. The church, built 90 or 100 years ago, has been called one of the finest buildings, architecturally, in Franklin.

The annex, which will give the building a "T" shape, will have overall dimensions of 46 by 38 feet, and will be two stories in height. In the first floor will be a recreation room, 28x25, a kitchenette, the pastor's study, and three Sunday school rooms. The second floor will contain a chapel, 14x30, for four Sunday school classrooms.

The furnace, which will heat the entire structure, will be installed underneath the annex.

The present church auditorium will remain unchanged, but that the beaverboard partitions, which now cut off three corners of the auditorium for Sunday school rooms, will be removed. This is expected to increase the present seating capacity of about 100 by a third.

The building program, which has been approved by the congregation, was worked out by the building and finance committees, headed, respectively, by J. B. Ray and Ernest Rankin. Working closely with them, since his arrival in Franklin, was the pastor, the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans.

The work is to be done on a pay-as-you-go basis, it was explained. About \$3,000 is now available for the project.

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	58	20	
Friday	62	26	
Saturday	57	36	.11
Sunday	64	44	.71
Monday	63	22	
Tuesday	48	32	.76
Wednesday	45	34	1.28

Up to 5 p. m.
Total rainfall for seven-day period, 2.86 inches.

Ellijay Man Found Dead, Lying In Road

Zollie Buchanan, 39, Sunday morning was found dead, lying in a road in his home community of Ellijay, the victim, the coroner's jury found, of "too much whiskey".

Mr. Buchanan Saturday night had been left at a hut, where he sometimes did some work, by two young men, a Mr. Wood and a Mr. Buchanan. They told the officers he was intoxicated at the time, but they thought he would be all right.

The body was found by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Evitt, who were on their way to Sunday School at the time. A physician who made an examination of the body said death probably occurred about 4 or 5 o'clock Sunday morning.

The inquest was conducted by Coroner O. L. Blaine.

Mr. Henry, a native of Jackson county, had lived in Macon for the past 20 years, and had made his home with cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Henry, since his discharge from the service. He served in the armed forces for three years.

Mr. Buchanan recently had been employed by Beulon Peek in getting out acid wood. He was a member of the Ellijay Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Ellijay Baptist church. The Rev. Lee Crawford, pastor, officiated, and interment followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Joe. Tom. Canton, Grady, Fred and Charlie Henry.

Surviving are several uncles, aunts and cousins.
Bryant funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Death

Claims John T. Emory
At Age Of 78

John Thomas Emory, 87-year old farmer of the Burningtown community, died at his home Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, following an illness of several years. He has been critically ill for the past few weeks.

Mr. Emory, a life-long resident of Macon county, was a member of the Burningtown Baptist church. He was twice married. His second wife, the former Miss Callie Reeves, died in 1945.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Burningtown Baptist church. The Rev. Lee Crawford, of Franklin, Route 4, officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

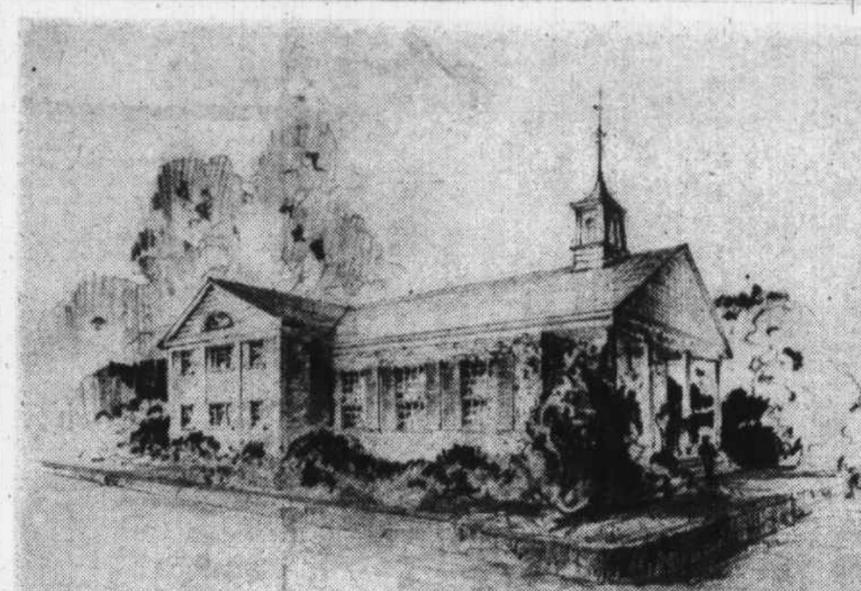
The pallbearers were Austin Raby, Ralph Tallent, Gorman Raby, Sam Raby, Howard Ray and Joe Raby.

Surviving are two step-daughters, Miss Virginia Teague and Mrs. Andrew Reeves, of Franklin, Route 3, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

Good Health Meet Called
For Friday Night At 7:30

Mrs. Josephine Gaines and J. H. Stockton, co-chairmen for the Macon County of the North Carolina Good Health association, have called a meeting to discuss the association's program for 7:30 p. m. tomorrow (Friday) night at the courthouse. All community leaders and others interested are invited to be present, the co-chairmen said.



WILL BUILD ANNEX TO CHURCH—Above is a reproduction of the architect's drawing of the Franklin Presbyterian church, as it will appear after construction of an annex and the restoration of the steeple and bell tower. The annex, shown at the left, will be built at the rear of the present structure and will give the church a "T" shape. Although two storeys, it will be the same height as the church, constructed of brick like the church, and architecturally in keeping with the structure, one of the oldest in Franklin.

TELLS HOW HE GOT BIG BEAR

Hollis Clark Puts Stop
To Br. n's Feasting
On Pork

Hollis Clark, of Aquone, this week told how he put a stop, without delay, to hog-killing by a bear.

Mr. Clark, accompanied by Ralph Postell, three days before Christmas went into the mountains to look after his hogs. He took along his three bear dogs, he said, as a sort of "guard of honor".

When he discovered that some "varmint" had killed and eaten one of his porkers, he turned loose his Airdale "bear dog" and the two other dogs, and within 15 minutes the three had the bear at bay.

Mr. Postell fired point blank at the bear, but the light shot only made him run. At this juncture, the Airdale seized the bear, which dragged the dog for several hundred yards. Finally, in desperation, the bear climbed a tree, going up about 25 feet.

It took two shots from Mr. Clark's gun to bring him down, and then it took two heavy horses from a nearby logging camp to drag Bruin out to the road so he could be loaded on a truck.

The animal, which weighed 503 pounds, is said to have killed two cows in the neighborhood in recent weeks.

It was the second bear Mr. Clark had killed this winter. He killed one weighing 400 pounds October 26 on Dick's Creek, two miles below the Nantahala dam and only about four miles from the point of the latest kill.

Bob Sloan Will
Join Newspaper's
Staff Next Week

Bob S. Sloan, widely known Franklin man, will join the staff of The Press next week.

Mr. Sloan recently returned to Franklin, after completing college work at the University of North Carolina, work which was interrupted by the war. After making a distinguished record during his four years in the army, he served for a year as veterans' service officer in this county, resigning to re-enter the University last fall.

He was connected with The Press for a considerable period, a number of years ago, when the late Mrs. J. W. Canteley Johnson was publisher.

Methodist Leaders Here
Called To Meet Tuesday

Dr. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Waynesville district, has called an important meeting of Macon County Methodist leaders at the Franklin Methodist church next Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Ministers, charge Lay leaders, superintendents of church schools, presidents of Woman's Societies for Christian Service, presidents of youth fellowships, and chairmen of Christian stewardship committees are urged to attend.

Macon County Girl
Promoted To Home
Agent In Caldwell

Miss Barbara Hurst, who has been serving as assistant home demonstration agent in Caldwell county for the past six months, has just been promoted to demonstration agent for that county, it has been learned here.

Miss Hurst is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Hurst, of Franklin, Route 1.

She was graduated last spring from Greensboro college, at Greensboro, where she majored in home economics, and entered extension work shortly after that as assistant Caldwell county agent.

Mrs. Collins

Fatally Burned In Rome,
Ga.; Rites Held Here

Mrs. Mary Bryson Collins, 69, was fatally burned when her clothing caught fire from the flames of a gas heater, last Thursday at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Bryson, in Rome, Ga. She died late Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Collins was a native of Macon County, and the body was brought here. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Sugarfork Baptist church, on the Franklin-Highlands highway, with the Rev. Charles E. Parker, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Collins spent most of her adult life in Knoxville, Tenn., where she was superintendent in a garment factory. She was active there in the Broadway Baptist church, serving as a teacher in the Sunday school and as president of the Woman's Missionary society.

She was partially paralyzed 12 years ago, and since that time had spent her summers here with her sister, Mrs. John M. Moore, and her winters in Rome, Ga., and Florida.

Survivors, in addition to Mrs. Moore, include two sisters, Mrs. John W. Briggs, of Rome, and Mrs. R. A. Henry, of Ventura, Calif., and a brother, the Rev. J. A. Bryson, of Columbia, Mo.

Sugar Stamp No. 53
Became Good Jan. 1

Spare ration stamp No. 53 on January 1 became good for five pounds on sugar. It will remain good through April 30.

JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB
MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the Franklin Junior Music club, which was scheduled for Saturday afternoon, January 4, has been postponed until further notice.

Mrs. J. O. Burroughs and daughter, Nancy Jo, of Gastonia, are spending several days visiting Mrs. Burroughs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore, at their home in the Bethel community, and her sister, Mrs. Harley Stewart, and Mr. Stewart at their home, Franklin, Route 1.

110 G'S TAKING FARM TRAINING

No More Can Be Enrolled
Till April, Whitmire
Announces

With the January class of farm veterans made up, 110 Macon County men now are taking G. I. agricultural training under the supervision of E. J. Whitmire, vocational agriculture teacher. This is next to the largest number in the state, under the direction of one teacher.

No more young men can be enrolled until April, Mr. Whitmire said. He added that those who are interested in the farm program and would like to enroll in the April class should start spreading lime and phosphate on their farms now, and not wait until April to see if they get on the program and then start farming. In other words, "the best way to make the April class is to start building your farm now."

Preference will be shown those men who really are interested in farming and who are buying places of their own, he said.

Guffey Called Away
By Death In Family

H. Lee Guffey was called to Washington, D. C., Saturday on account of the sudden death of his brother-in-law, Earl Place. He was accompanied to Washington by a sister, Mrs. Myrtle White, of Bryson City.

Mr. Place, a native of New York state, had lived in Washington for about 20 years, where he operated a taxicab. He was found dead in his taxi.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Brasstown Baptist church, across the Georgia line from Warne, and interment was in the church cemetery. Among those attending the service were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. Guffey, Mrs. White, a sister of Mrs. Place and of Mr. Guffey.

Mrs. Place plans to return to Washington within the next few days.

Highlands Wildlife
Club To Meet Jan. 8

The Highlands Wildlife club will meet at the town hall there at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night, January 8, it was announced this week by Norman Reese, secretary and treasurer. An important feature of the meeting will be the election of a delegate to the state convention of Wildlife clubs, to be held in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Burrell and sons spent last Wednesday and Thursday in Cornelia, Ga., visiting Mr. Burrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Burrell.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Easton and family, of Lenoir City, Tenn., spent Sunday here with Mrs. Easton's mother, Mrs. J. S. Sloan, and family.

W. E. Hunnicutt, W. W. Sloan, Sam W. Mendenhall, Winton Perry, and R. S. Jones left last Sunday morning by automobile for New Orleans to witness the New Year's Sugar Bowl game.

BOY, 10, KILLS SISTER, 12, IN GUN ACCIDENT

Sixth Grade School Girl
Dies Instantly At
Oak Grove Home

A shotgun, accidentally discharged by her 10-year old brother, Monday brought death to Helen Louise Scruggs, 12, of the Oak Grove community.

The accident occurred about 2 p. m. at the home of the children's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Gordon E. Scruggs, and followed by only about half an hour the family's return from a holiday visit to relatives near Hazelwood.

The girl was struck in the left side of the neck and died instantly.

Members of the family told investigating officers that Helen Louise was sitting by the radio, reading, when her brother, Lowell, standing about four feet away, picked up the shotgun, which was in the room, raised it, and accidentally fired. Mr. Scruggs' brother, Milford Scruggs, said he had been using the gun in an attempt to kill something that had been disturbing the family's chickens.

The officers said it obviously was an accident, and Deputy Sheriff Walter Dean said no inquest was necessary.

The little girl, in the sixth grade of the Cowee school, was described by her teachers as quiet and usually perfect in the preparation of her assignments. Monday was the first day this year that she had missed school, her absence having been occasioned by the family's delayed return from their visit in Haywood county.

In addition to her parents and brother, she is survived by a sister, Carolyn, her grandfather, L. R. Scruggs, of Candler, and her grandmother, Mrs. R. H. Taylor, of near Hazelwood.

The body was taken to the home of Mrs. Taylor Tuesday afternoon, and funeral services were held at Allen's Creek Baptist church, near Hazelwood, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Thomas Erwin, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Potts Funeral home.

Higdonville Quint
Loses To Sylva By
Score Of 28 To 24

The Higdonville basket ball team met the undefeated Sylva five, who average better than six feet tall, Tuesday night of last week and did everything but win. The final score was 28-24, with D. Moses leading the scoring, with 10 points to his credit.

The second team fared better defeating the Sylva reserves 22-18 led by the fine shooting of J. Smith, who fired 16 points for Higdonville.

Firemen Called When
Grease Ignites At Cafe

Firemen were called out about 4:30 this (Thursday) morning when grease on the stove at Cagle's cafe caught fire, and someone, passing, saw the blaze and turned in the alarm. No damage was done. The incident occurred about 30 minutes after the cafe opened for the day.

Smokey Says:



A forest fire does not affect you? Nonsense! Do higher prices pinch? Shortages cause inconveniences? If there were no more wood tomorrow, could you get along without it and still say the fire that destroyed it did not affect you? Timber is a resource that cannot be built in a day. The damage of one careless match can cause losses which cannot be replaced in a hundred years!

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Wagg very cleverly entertained at a dinner yesterday at the parsonage Mrs. M. I. Siler, Mrs. C. D. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lyle, Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Carver, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Curtis. The dinner was an excellent one and as host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Wagg are simply perfection. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present.

January 1, 1897, Franklin had a total population of 330 persons, 300 white persons, of whom 148 were males and 152 females, and 30 Negroes.

25 YEARS AGO

OTTO. Under the leadership of Mr. J. J. Mann as principal and Mr. Horner Stockton, as assistant, this community has had one of the best schools in the county, or at least we think so.

16 YEARS AGO

Attacked by a mad dog Wednesday morning, Harold Woody, Franklin school boy, grappled barehanded with the crazed canine and held him securely by the throat until another boy, his brother, arrived and put the dog to death with a stone.

About 600 home-made toys were distributed to Macon county children at Christmas time through the National Youth administration and the Macon county recreational project, under the supervision of Mrs. J. A. Ordway and T. J. O'Neil.