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MACON TO GET NEARLY \$9,000 FROM FOREST

Return On Nantahala Receipts Figures 6 Cents Per Acre

Macon County will receive approximately \$9,000 as its share of Nantahala National forest receipts for the fiscal year ended last June 30, it was announced this week by E. W. Renshaw, forest supervisor.

A total of \$23,254.96—25 per cent of the forest's gross receipts—will be distributed through the state treasurer to the six counties within which the forest lies. Those counties are Macon, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, and Jackson.

Since the distribution is based upon acreage in the forest, and since this county has 145,385 of the total of 276,568 acres in the forest, Macon's share will be about 40 per cent of the total.

The funds distributed to the counties are in lieu of taxes the counties would have received had the lands remained privately owned, and are earmarked for schools and roads. Macon's share represents a return of about six cents per acre for all land within the forest.

Under the national set-up, 25 per cent of the gross receipts of national forests go to the counties within which the forests lie. An additional 10 per cent is returned to the forests by the U. S. General Accounting office for improvement of roads within the forest boundary.

The 10 per cent returned to the Nantahala for this purpose amounts to \$9,301.98.

Thus a total of \$32,556.94 received by the forest will be returned to it and to the counties in which it lies.

The number of national forest acres within each of the other five counties follows:

Cherokee, 77,126; Graham, 72,145; Clay, 57,040; Jackson, 18,888; and Swain, 5,984.

Mrs. Lester Conley Resigns From Staff Of Franklin Press

Mrs. Lester Conley has resigned from the staff of The Press. Her resignation became effective last Saturday.

Mrs. Conley, who has had charge of the front office at The Press for the past two years, has been with the paper, intermittently, for many years, and is well known throughout the county.

For the time being, she plans to take a rest, but will continue her work as local correspondent of the Asheville newspapers.

Methodists To Hear Dr. West Sunday At 11 O'Clock Service

Dr. Walter B. West, of Waynesville, district superintendent, will be guest speaker at the Franklin Methodist church at the 11 o'clock hour next Sunday morning.

The theme of the service will be "Stewardship", which is the main emphasis this year of Methodism's four-year Crusade for Christ program.

At the close of the morning service, Dr. West will conduct the first quarterly conference.

Nearly 750,000 farm dwellings had to be abandoned during World War II.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Hon. J. F. Ray was honored with the chairmanship of the Democratic caucus that met the night before the convening of the legislature.

25 YEARS AGO
Ad in The Press:
FORD
New Prices (f. o. b. Detroit)
Touring car, \$348.00.
Truck Chassis, \$430.00.
Sedan, \$645.00.

10 YEARS AGO
Oldest Gray Veteran Dies
Rev. J. N. Arnold, 97, dead; only 8 Confederates left in county.

School Patrons Asked For Donations To Pay Electric Light Bills

Patrons have been asked to contribute funds to pay the electric light bill of the Franklin school.

Principal George H. Hill explained, in a letter addressed to parents of children in eight of the school's rooms, that those rooms are equipped with "exceptionally good lighting fixtures", and that the state allotment for electricity for this year has been exhausted. The letter added that "the county cannot pay for these extra lights because there was no provision made for them in last year's budget."

About \$29 a month is needed, Mr. Hill wrote.

The text of the letter, which was addressed to patrons and was signed by Mr. Hill, follows:

"I am sure that you know about the exceptionally good lighting fixtures that have been placed in the following rooms of the Franklin School: Mrs. Williams'; Mrs. Guffey's; Mrs. Margie Ramsey's; Mrs. Wallace's; Miss Moody's; Miss Henderson's; Miss Franks'; Miss Jamison's. In addition to the three sets of fluorescent lights, each of the above rooms is equipped with two ultra-violet ray, health lights, through which the air of the room passes regularly. Since these health lights have been installed we have noticed quite an appreciable decrease in colds and communicable diseases. I am sure no other school rooms in North Carolina are better equipped to take care of the eyes and general health of pupils than these. I know that you appreciate this. I do, because I have two little girls in one of those rooms."

"Now to the prime purpose of this letter—it takes electricity to operate this equipment. It takes money to buy electricity. In fact it takes about \$12 per month to operate 19 units of

health lights and \$17 per month to operate the 104 units of fluorescent lights, making a total of \$29 per month. The state pays for electricity used by schools out of sales taxes and other sources. But this money is allotted on a per pupil basis. We have used up the allotment already and the year is not half over. The county cannot pay for these extra lights because there were no provisions made for them in last year's budget.

"The only way to keep them burning is to dig down in our pockets and pay. It will do little good to say that the county ought to pay for them—that large amounts of money have been paid into the county school funds this year from fines, etc. The lights will not be burning and the health lights will not be killing germs while we are arguing such matters. I doubt whether the county should pay for this service anyway. The county is not making provisions for the other children of the county—just those in the eight rooms mentioned above. If our children get this special service, we should help pay for it. As a parent I appreciate it very much and to show my appreciation, I am contributing two dollars. The teachers of your children are giving you an opportunity to contribute to this fund. I hope you will respond liberally.

"Friday, January 10, 1947 we shall show a short, entertaining film to all children who contribute to this fund. Any children who are not able to pay will be admitted free. We have asked that all children contribute not less than a nickel, if they are able. Of course many will and should contribute much more.

"LET'S KEEP THE LIGHTS BURNING!"

9-Hour Nose Bleed Proves Fatal To 13-Year Old Child

Iida Louise Henry, 13-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry, of Whiteside Cove, died at the home of her parents Friday night of nose bleed.

Her nose started bleeding nine hours earlier, and efforts to halt the loss of blood were vain.

She had been ill for the past two months, suffering from rheumatic fever, and had had a similar attack of nose bleed several weeks ago.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Baptist church at Sealy.

Health Officer Will Give Examinations To School Children

Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, district health officer, has announced that she will be in Franklin Friday, January 24, and Friday, January 31, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. to conduct school examinations. The examinations will be given at the health department office in the Asher building.

Prior to those dates, each school principal will be given a list of children in the school fund by the county health nurse to have serious defects, or otherwise to need an examination, and these children, plus others referred by their teachers, are requested to be present at the hours stated.

Dr. Michal is in Franklin each Tuesday for administrative clinic duties, and she pointed out that she has influence vaccine available at the health department for physicians and the general public.

List Taker To Be Found In Courthouse Jury Room

Persons in Franklin township who wish to list their taxes will find the list taker in the jury room in the courthouse, it was announced this week. The jury room is on the second floor, to the rear of the courtroom. The list taker, Sanford E. Mann, will be on duty there daily the remainder of this month.

PLAN SYMPHONY CONCERT HERE

\$750 Sought To Bring N. C. Orchestra To Franklin Again

The North Carolina Little Symphony orchestra, which played to capacity audiences here last year, will be brought back to Franklin this spring, and the membership campaign to finance the project will start the latter part of this week. It has been announced by Miss Nora Moody, chairman of the local committee in charge.

In order to bring the concert to Macon County, it is necessary to raise \$750, Miss Moody said, which is sought through memberships in the North Carolina Symphony society. A \$2 membership will entitle the member to hear the evening concert here, and a \$5 membership will entitle him or her to attend any concert in the state.

An afternoon concert will be given again this year, without charge, for school children. Since it is not possible to accommodate all the school children in the county, each school will be permitted to send its proportionate share of children.

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The concerts again will be given in the Macon theater. Memberships will be sought by solicitors who will canvass the business district of Franklin, with girls in the Franklin school ninth grade and members of the Junior Music club doing the soliciting.

While no date has been set for the Symphony's appearance here, it is expected to come to Franklin in the early spring.

Members serving with Miss Moody on the committee backing the project are Mrs. H. W. Cabe, Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, John M. Archer, Jr., E. J. Carpenter, Mrs. Welmar Jones, George H. Hill, and Mrs. O. F. Summer, of Highlands.

WILL SPONSOR CAKE WALK

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Clark's Chapel church will sponsor a cake walk Friday night, January 24, at 7:30 o'clock in the basement of the Clark's Chapel church. Funds raised will be used in the work of the organization.

RATE OF BIRTHS DECLINING HERE, FIGURES REVEAL

Totals Drop Two Years In Row; More Deaths In 1946 Than '45

The birth rate in Macon County appears to be declining, while deaths last year showed an increase over 1945, but births here still outnumber deaths by about three to one.

The number of births reported to Lake V. Shope, Macon County vital statistics registrar, last year totaled 420, as compared with 437 for 1945.

The 1946 drop in births was the second in succession, the 1945 total having been smaller than that for the preceding year, thus indicating a trend toward a lower birth rate here.

The birth rate per thousand population (1940 census) for the three past years was:

1944, 35.4.
1945, 29.
1946, 27.

Births in this county, however, continue to far outnumber the deaths. In 1946, 143 deaths were reported in Macon, only about one-third as many deaths as births. But more deaths were reported last year than in 1945. The totals were: 1945, 111; 1946, 143. The death rate per thousand population in 1945 was 7.5, and 8.2 in 1946.

The 1946 figures, by townships, follows:

Township	Births	Deaths
Franklin	249	75
Millshoal	25	4
Ellijay	24	10
Sugarfork	16	4
Highlands	6	7
Flats	3	0
Smith Bridge	20	12
Cartoogchaye	29	5
Nantahala	37	4
Burningtown	11	10
Cowee	34	11
Total	420	143

All these figures are taken from the records submitted by the township registrars to Mr. Shope.

McGlamery Is Named On 11 Committees

Herbert A. McGlamery, Macon County representative in the general assembly, was assigned to membership on the important education committee of the house, and to 10 other house committees, when committee appointments were announced in Raleigh the latter part of last week.

Dispatches from Raleigh also listed Rep. McGlamery among the group that staged a losing fight to abolish the so-called "gag rule" in the house. Under the rule, in effect, since 1941, it takes a two-thirds vote of the house to bring a bill to the floor that has been unfavorably reported by committee. Mr. McGlamery and other western representatives sought to change the rule to permit a majority vote to bring an unfavorably reported bill to the floor.

In addition to education, Mr. McGlamery was assigned to the committees on agriculture, appropriations, congressional districts, corporations, expenditures of the house, mental institutions, institutions for the blind, public utilities, senatorial districts, and printing.

Baxter C. Jones, of Bryson City, this district's senator, was made chairman of the committee on election laws, the committee to which bills to change the absentee vote law would be referred.

He also was made a member of the committees on appropriations, public health, roads, congressional districts, conservation and development, counties, cities and towns, education, judiciary No. 1, public utilities, mining, mental institutions, and state employees' retirement.

JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB WILL MEET SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Franklin Junior Music club will meet Saturday at 3 p. m. with Richard and Margaret Jones. A program of records and readings is planned, and a business session will be held. Parents and friends of members are invited.

Postal Receipts At Peacetime High

Open Drive For \$1,215 Polio Quota

The 1946 campaign for funds to fight infantile paralysis got under way here this week.

The quota set for Macon County this year is \$1,215, J. E. (Jimmy) Perry, recently appointed county fund chairman, announced Wednesday. The 1946 quota, which was oversubscribed by \$964, was the same amount as this year.

Mr. Perry announced the appointment of aides and committee chairmen as follows:

J. Ward Long, treasurer; Bob Sloan, individual gifts; John M. Archer, Jr., and A. W. Perry, commerce and industry; and schools, G. L. Houk.

He also said that March of Dimes collection boxes will be placed throughout the county and that campaign cards will be distributed.

In expressing confidence that the quota will be oversubscribed, Mr. Perry remarked that "most people realize that few families can meet the cost of extended polio treatment. Through the polio fund, treatment and care can be assured for all polio victims."

"Because everybody knows the cause is so worth while, I know that contributions will be generous."

Weaver Cochran Leaves Hospital; Assault Hammer Is Found

Weaver W. Cochran, recent victim of a robbery-assault with a claw hammer, has now recovered sufficiently to enable him to leave the hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn., it has been learned here. He is convalescing at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lola May, in Knoxville, Tenn., having left the hospital Monday.

Mr. Cochran had undergone two operations for the removal of clots from the brain caused by the beating about the head with a hammer. Carl Thomas Martin is now being held in the Bryson City jail charged with the robbery and assault.

Mr. Cochran has sufficiently recovered so that he was able to give information which led to the finding of the hammer which the assailant struck him.

The weapon was found near Walt Jones' store by Wymer Cochran, relative of the injured man, and turned over to Sgt. T. A. Sandlin, of the North Carolina state highway patrol, at Bryson City.

Mrs. McKee

To Be Speaker At P. T. A. Meeting Monday

Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, will be the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, to be held next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Mrs. McKee, widely known as a speaker, is expected to discuss the laying of a firm foundation for education.

Mexico Club Seeks 2,000 Items For Its Rummage Sale

Plans are going forward for the rummage sale, which the Mexico Club of the Franklin High school will hold on February 8, and it was announced this week that it is hoped to have 2,000 articles on sale.

The rummage sale is one of the means the club is using to raise funds for the proposed trip of members to Mexico, as an educational and good neighbor project.

This project of the club's members is being directed by Mrs. Clinton G. Johnson, of the high school faculty, the club's sponsor.

Production of centrifugal sugar in the Philippines during the 1946-47 season is estimated to be only 10 per cent of prewar normal output.

Franklin Post Office Total Was \$21,090 For Last Year

Postal receipts at the Franklin post office for the year 1946 totaled \$21,090.98, according to an announcement made this week by Postmaster T. W. Porter.

This is a decline of \$3,267.80 over the preceding year.

The receipts this year, however, were the highest in the history of the post office, except during the recent war years, when the yearly totals reached abnormal figures, due to the increase of mail to men in service.

In 1945 the postal receipts reached their peak with a total of \$25,377.88.

But, comparison with the last pre-war year, 1941, shows an increase of \$5,445.90.

The postal receipts of the year 1936—ten years ago—were \$12,345.77; thus there has been an increase of \$8,744.31 for the past decade.

This indicates that the Franklin post office is handling nearly twice as much business as it did 11 years ago, when the new post office building was constructed.

\$350 Raised In Christmas Seal Sale Last Year

Christmas seal sales, sponsored by the Franklin Lions club, raised \$350 last year for use in the prevention of tuberculosis in Macon County.

Dr. G. B. Woodward, chairman of the committee, reported to the club at its regular meeting Monday night that the past year's sales brought the fund total to approximately \$1,000.

Dr. Woodward expressed appreciation for the "splendid cooperation" he received in the sale of the seals, especially from the school children of the county.

It was also decided at the meeting that the club will sponsor a local girl, to be chosen later, to appear in the Flag of Nations ceremony, to be presented at the Lions state convention in Asheville in May.

Committee Has \$2,052 On Hand To Furnish Memorial

A joint committee from the Lions and Rotary clubs has been appointed to purchase furnishings for the Charlie Slagle Scout Memorial. The clubs, which sometime ago assumed responsibility for furnishing the building, have raised \$2,052 for the project.

The committee, which will work with the Memorial trustees, is made up of Pritchard Smith, Jr., and John Crawford, with C. H. Aspinwall, as alternate, from the Lions club; and Grant Zickgraf and the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, from the Rotary club.

Meanwhile, at Wednesday night's meeting members of the Rotary club voted to authorize the Memorial trustees to raze the present Scout house and use the materials in the construction of a caretaker's house on the Memorial property. The present building, situated on the rear of the Masonic lot, was erected by the Rotary club.

FIRE DOES NO DAMAGE
A quick blaze, said to have been caused by the explosion of gasoline used in starting a fire in the kitchen stove at the home of Mr. Henry Hurst, in the Bonny Crest section of Franklin, was the cause of a fire alarm last Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The blaze had been extinguished before the arrival of the local fire department. No damage was done to the dwelling.

The Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
January 9	43	30
January 10	49	17
January 11	53	16
January 12	61	40	.55
January 13	56	40	.44
January 14	60	46	.03
January 15	58	50	.49

Rainfall for 7-day period, 1.51 inches.