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SHIFTS MADE IN FRANKLIN POLICE FORCE

**Baird Appointed Chief;
Phillips Night Man;
Cochran Dropped**

C. D. Baird was named chief of police of Franklin, and Tom Phillips was appointed night policeman, at Monday night's meeting of the board of aldermen.

Mr. Baird, who has been serving as night policeman, will succeed Homer Cochran as chief, and will have the day assignment.

The board was informed that Mr. Baird had resigned as night policeman, and Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., read the applications of four men. Mr. Phillips was chosen from the group.

The point then was made by a member of the board that Mr. Baird was entitled to the chief's position and to day work, on the ground that he was injured, several years ago, while serving in that capacity, and entered the army when he recovered from the injury.

Mr. Baird was called and asked if he would accept the chief's post, and when he answered in the affirmative, the board voted to give Mr. Cochran notice, as of March 1, and to appoint Mr. Baird.

The board also:
Granted a beer license to K. F. Montague, of the new Dixie Grill.

Took under advisement an offer of property owners on First street, in East Franklin, to pay \$300 of the cost if the town would extend the sewer line on that street to the corporate limits.

Denied Bob Sanders' application for license to operate a pool room at the rear of his beer parlor on West Main street. Mr. Sanders previously had been granted a license to operate a pool room on the second floor of the building, but explained, in filing the new application, that the space on the second floor will not be available for sometime.

North Carolina has been allocated more than 100 thousand gallons of tomato juice and 120 thousand pounds of peach jam for school lunchroom use.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Messrs. J. R. Davis and M. T. Rhinehart of Waynesville have bought the drug store of D. L. Garland and will continue the business under the name of the Franklin Pharmacy.

We have been visited by the coldest snap of the winter during the past week. Thursday morning the mercury stood at three degrees at sunrise. Friday morning it was eight degrees below zero, and at zero Saturday.

25 YEARS AGO
Mr. Paul Newman has completed the building for his new steam laundry on Palmer street and everything is now ready for installation of the machinery, which is expected to arrive next week.

Several weeks ago the cows at the Methodist Orphanage home at Winston-Salem was condemned on account of tuberculosis and had to be killed. At the suggestion of Mr. F. S. Johnston, a collection was taken at the Methodist Sunday school to buy a new cow for the institution. The amount needed was \$50, which was over-subscribed and sent to the orphanage.

10 YEARS AGO
Rigid enforcement of Franklin's one-hour parking ordinance on Main street was ordered by the town council Monday night, after it had received a petition signed by 30 individuals and business concerns requesting that something be done about congested traffic conditions.

The petition, which has been circulated by W. T. Moore, also requested that the board take action concerning the widening of Main street. The board placed the matter under advisement.



NEW POLICE CHIEF—C. D. Baird was named Franklin chief of police by the board of aldermen Monday night. He will succeed Homer Cochran.

PICK PATTERSON AS CO-OP HEAD

**Farm Organization Will
Seek To Sell \$15,000
Common Stock**

A. C. (Claude) Patterson, of Tesenta, was elected for a term of one year as president of the newly organized Macon County Farmers Cooperative, at a meeting of the organization's directors last Monday.

They chose Robert Fulton as vice-president, and Walter Taylor as secretary-treasurer.

The board is made up of nine directors, who were chosen earlier in the day by stockholders of the Cooperative. Directors elected, in addition to the three later named as officers, are Jim Ramsey, Harley Stewart, R. C. Enloe, J. I. Vinson, J. D. Burnette, and George Gibson.

The nominating committee had nominated E. R. White as a director, but a motion, made by Mr. White, that Mr. Vinson's name be substituted for his, was carried. Mr. White had served temporary treasurer since the initial meeting.

The stockholders, at their meeting, adopted the by-laws submitted, and then carried a motion, by the close vote of 45 to 41, that nine directors should be elected. The motion, made by Mr. Vinson, was seconded by Walter Gibson. The stockholders also voted approval of a motion that three of the directors should serve terms of one year; three two years, and three years.

S. W. Mendenhall read the financial report of the Macon County Mutual Soil Conservation Association, which the Cooperative succeeds, and the report was adopted.

Mr. Mendenhall, county agent, also made a talk, discussing a 100-Bushel Corn club, hybrid corn, alfalfa hay, Ladino clover, and orchard grass.

The directors, who set February 15 as the date for their next meeting, adopted a goal of \$15,000 common stock to be sold, to provide operating capital for the new organization.

Mexico Club

**Has 500 Items For Its
Rummage Sale Feb. 8**

The members of the Mexico club have collected about 500 articles, from clothing to a violin, from books to perfume, for their rummage sale, it was announced this week.

The sale is to be held Saturday, February 8, at the Agricultural building, across the street from the Episcopal church. The doors will open at 10 a. m.

Every piece of clothing has been put in the best possible condition. Many of them are practically new, and they range in size from garments for infants to adults.

This sale is the first of the activities the Mexico club has planned in an effort to raise money to pay for the trip the members hope to make to Mexico this summer.

Their next event will be a Valentine square dance at the Franklin High school Friday night, February 14.

G. L. Houk, county superintendent of schools, spent the first part of this week in Raleigh on business pertaining to the schools.

NAZI ESCAPEE WILL BE HEARD IN TALK HERE

**Seeger To Be First Of 4
Rotary Lecturers On
World Affairs**

The first of a series of four speakers on world understanding, who are being brought here by the Franklin Rotary club, will appear Friday of next week, and the other three addresses will be heard on succeeding Fridays—February 21, February 28, and March 7.

Each of the lectures will deal with some phase of world understanding.

Next week's speaker will be Gerhart Seeger, a native of Germany, whose topic will be "Getting Together in Europe."

Editor, author, and lecturer, Mr. Seeger served in the German air corps during World War I. A former member of the German Reichstag, he was arrested when Hitler came to power, and spent three months in jail before being sent to a Nazi concentration camp. After six months in the concentration camp, he escaped, in December, 1933, and came to the United States the following year. He is now an American citizen.

He was one of the witnesses at the Nuremberg trial of war criminals and has addressed 270 of Rotary International's Institutes of International Understanding.

Mr. Seeger and the other four lecturers will each speak twice, at 1:45 in the afternoon to high school students, and at 7:30 in the evening to adults. All the addresses will be at the Franklin Methodist church.

Tickets for the evening lectures may be obtained from any member of the Rotary club.

Topics of the other three speakers will be "Getting Together in the Orient", "UN, Vehicle of World Cooperation?", and "Cooperation or Confusion in Ten-Mile-A-Minute Travel?"

The purpose of the series of lectures, Rotary officials have explained, is to bring a clearer understanding to those in attendance of the difficulties in the way of world cooperation and of how those difficulties may be met.

Will Rock Cemetery's Driveways

The State Highway commission has agreed to place crushed stone on the driveways of the Franklin cemetery, it was learned this week from Representative Herbert A. McGlamery.

At the suggestion of Gilmer A. Jones, Rep. McGlamery called on Highway Commissioner A. H. Graham in Raleigh, and Mr. Graham told the Macon representative that he would be glad to comply with the request.

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Macon Had Only 4 Forest Fires Last Fall On Private Lands; Only 8 Acres Burned

Macon County had only four forest fires on privately owned lands, and those four burned over only nine acres, in the period from July 1 to December 31, according to figures compiled by the North Carolina Forest service.

Only one other of the eight cooperating counties in this district had a smaller acreage burned over.

The State Forest service, it was pointed out, protects 852,793 acres of privately owned forest land in the eight counties, and of this total, only 356 acres were burned over during the past season. This was an average of 67.81 acres per forest fire.

Transylvania was the only county with a better record than Macon. The former had one forest blaze that burned over one-fourth of an acre.

Figures for the other counties follow:

Cherokee, eight fires, 15 acres; Graham, six fires, 51 acres; Haywood, six fires, 148 acres; Jackson, six fires, 84

Average Family Income Doubled Here In 5 Years

Family income in Macon County in 1945 was more than double the average in 1940.

Figures recently made public by the State Planning Board show that in 1940 the average family in this county received \$788, compared with \$1,847 in 1945. This is an increase of 134.4 per cent. In comparison, income for the average family in North Carolina increased only 110.1 per cent during the same period. Thus average family income in this county increased 24 per cent more than that of the average family in the state.

On the other hand, purchases by the average family in this county amounted to only two-thirds that of the average family in the state.

In 1945, the latest year for which figures are available, total retail purchases by the average Macon family were listed at \$972.18, as compared with \$1,483.76 for the average North Carolina family.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. INGRAM

**Widow of Former Sheriff
Dies At Daughter's
Home In Clayton**

Mrs. Charles L. Ingram, 76, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Garlin Tomlin, of Clayton, Ga., Monday night at 6:15 o'clock, following an illness of several years.

Mrs. Ingram was the widow of Charles L. Ingram, who was widely known throughout Macon County, having served as sheriff for a number of years and as a representative from this county in the state legislature, and as postmaster.

Mrs. Ingram was born in Asheville, on October 29, 1871, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gaston, of a pioneer Buncombe county family.

She came to Macon County as a bride in 1891 where she spent the rest of her married life as an active member of the community in church and civic affairs, residing on the Ingram farm. Mrs. Ingram was a member of Nequassa Lodge of the Order of Eastern Star and of Bethel Methodist church. In 1941, she moved to Clayton to live with her daughter, Mrs. Tomlin.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor, and the Rev. T. H. Weelis, pastor of the Clayton Methodist church, officiating. Burial followed in the Bethel church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Harold Cabe, Harvey Cabe, Fred Cabe, George R. Patillo, John Bulgin, and Alex Deal.

Honorary pallbearers were —Continued on Page Eight

Mercury Hits 6 MAKE ESCAPE 5 As Winter BY SAWING BARS Strikes Here AT PRISON CAMP

Macon County this week had the coldest weather of the winter, with the temperature tumbling down toward zero.

The U. S. Weather bureau thermometer here stood at 5 degrees above Wednesday morning, G. L. Houk, official weather observer, reported.

The cold, which struck suddenly, was punctuated by high winds and snow flurries Tuesday, and Wednesday morning about half an inch of snow was on the ground, the first real snow of the winter. As a result of the snowfall, many automobiles had difficulty Wednesday morning in climbing the town hills here.

The low temperatures came on the heels of unusually mild weather, which made the cold even more biting than it ordinarily would have been.

The thermometer, after standing in the fifties, fell rapidly Tuesday. Mrs. Joe Setser, TVA

The Weather

| | High | Low | Prec. |
|------------|------|-----|-------|
| January 30 | 62 | 55 | .88 |
| January 31 | 55 | 32 | |
| February 1 | 58 | 25 | |
| February 2 | 51 | 16 | |
| February 3 | 50 | 18 | |
| February 4 | 48 | 26 | |
| February 5 | 29 | 5 | .04 |

* About one-half inch of snow, but only .04 of an inch when melted.

weather observer, reported from the Cartoogechaye community that the mercury tumbled 14 degrees—from 44 to 30—in the period between 6 a. m. and noon.

Thursday the weather had moderated considerably.

82 Here Draw \$968 Monthly In Benefits

Eighty-two persons in Macon County are receiving social security benefits amounting to \$968.18 per month, figures compiled by D. W. Lamoert, manager of the Asheville office of the Social Security administration, show.

In addition to these monthly payments, Mr. Lambert said, lump sums totaling \$469.23 have been paid in the past six months to survivors not eligible for regular payments.

The beneficiaries in this county who receive monthly payments fall into four groups. Twenty-nine retired workers draw a total of \$ 69.23 per month.

Eight retired workers' wives, aged 65 or over, receive monthly payments totaling \$54.10.

Ten young widows, with children under 18 years of age, are paid \$122.91 per month.

And 35 children, under 18 receive checks amounting to \$321.94.

Although every effort is made to inform persons covered by the social security act of their rights under that law, a number of monthly payments are lost by persons otherwise eligible because they delay filing, or fail to file, claims for those benefits, Mr. Lambert said.

"It is necessary that a claim be filed for benefits," he said. "They do not come automatically to otherwise eligible persons. A Macon County person who is qualified to receive benefits must apply for them, and the place to do that is the Asheville office of the Social Security administration.

"There is no charge whatsoever for the services performed by the Social Security administration offices. People desiring information or advice on social security matters relating to account numbers and claims for benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance program are urged to get in touch with the Asheville office.

O. Max Gardner, governor of North Carolina from 1929 to 1933, and recently appointed U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, died of a heart attack early Thursday morning, it was learned here. Mr. Gardner was 65.

Break Occurs In Late Evening; Recapture One Near Otto

Six men escaped Wednesday night between 7 and 8 o'clock from North Carolina state prison camp 1009 located just outside of Franklin. One man, James H. Kenady, was recaptured Thursday morning about 10 a. m. in the vicinity of Otto.

The men made their escape possible by sawing through several bars which guarded a window in their cell block, according to J. R. Overton, camp superintendent, who discovered they were missing.

Those escaping were James H. Kenady, of Davidson County, who had a sentence of 15 years for second degree murder; Kelley Sherlin, Buncombe County, sentenced 18 to 60 months for larceny of an automobile; Robert Birchfield, Buncombe County, 3 to 5 years for breaking and entering; Marshall Greenway, Iredell County, 13 to 15 years for highway robbery; Otho Williams, Guilford County, 4 to 6 years, breaking and entering and receiving stolen goods; Clacy Eads, a veteran from Indiana who was sentenced to 18 months for larceny and carrying a concealed weapon in Buncombe County.

Mr. Overton said that the officials had received information which led them to believe that the Buncombe County man might be recaptured in the vicinity of Asheville. Officials there have been notified.

Dryman And Long Leave For Conference In Washington

Prelo Dryman and E. W. Long left Thursday morning for Washington to attend a conference of Western North Carolina civic leaders with Secretary of the Interior Krug and other officials of the department.

The North Carolina group will seek development of the North Carolina side of the Great Smoky Mountains National park and completion of the Blue Ridge parkway.

The two Franklin men joined other Western North Carolina leaders in Asheville, where the party boarded a Pullman car reserved for the trip.

Mr. Dryman, who was Rep. Monroe M. Redden's Macon County campaign manager in last spring's Democratic primary, and Mr. Long were invited to attend the meeting by Mr. Redden, who arranged for the conference.

Polio Quota

**Is Oversubscribed By
More Than \$400**

Macon County's quota for the infantile paralysis fund has been over-subscribed by approximately \$400, according to James E. Perry, county fund chairman.

About \$520 raised in the Highlands community put the drive over the top, Mr. Perry said.

Contributions from the Otto community of \$75 and from Co-wee of \$150 brought the total raised throughout the rest of the county to approximately \$1,100.

Mr. Perry expressed appreciation to those who assisted him in handling the campaign, and to all who contributed.

Nantahala Benefit Nets \$77 For Polio Fund, Work Books

A cake walk and local talent plays featured a benefit program presented at the Otter Creek High school at Nantahala last Thursday night.

The net proceeds amounted to \$77.91.

The performance was given to raise money for the polio fund and to provide work books for students in the grammar grades. Of the total, \$55 was given the polio fund, with the remaining \$22.91 reserved for the work books.

The white oil from which cold creams are made is a highly refined, odorless, colorless oil made from specially selected crudes.