

RED CROSS DRIVE FOR \$2,410 WILL BEGINSATURDAY

Final Plans Are Made At Dinner Meeting Of Workers

Final plans for the 1947 American Red Cross fund drive were made by the local chapter at a dinner held at Lucile's dining room Tuesday night. March 1 was set as the date to begin the drive.

The Rev. Charles E. Parker, fund campaign chairman, pointed out that this year's quota of \$2,410 is \$1,040 less than last year's goal. Mr. Parker explained that 60 per cent of the money raised will remain in the county, with 40 per cent being sent to the national organization.

The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Macon County chapter chairman, was the principal speaker for the evening.

Mr. Huneycutt in a short talk urged that every worker do his utmost to give every person an opportunity to contribute to the Red Cross, an organization which he declared "worthy of our best."

In stressing the need for the continuance of Red Cross work, the chapter chairman said that the organization must continue to carry on the overseas work and placed special emphasis on the disaster preparedness program. In stressing this phase of Red Cross activity, Mr. Huneycutt cited the case of the Wine-coff Hotel fire and the excellent work done there by the Atlanta chapter of the Red Cross.

In a brief talk, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan remarked that two peacetime phases of the Red Cross program could be greatly expanded in this county. These are the nutrition program and the first aid campaign.

Other local persons who will serve as workers in the coming campaign, attending the dinner, were: Frank Browning, George H. Hill, J. Horner Stockton, Mrs. Stockton, Bill Sloan, Bob Sloan, Weimar Jones, W. C. Katzenbrink, the Rev. G. E. Scruggs, Mrs. John Archer, Mrs. Fred Morrison, Mrs. John Bulgin, Mrs. James McCollum, Mrs. J. Ward Long, Mrs. Bob Sloan, Mrs. Hunter Calloway, and Mrs. Martin Angel.

Van Raalte Official Inspects Plant Here

E. Carlson, of Buffalo, N. Y., assistant to the vice-president of the Van Raalte company, was here Wednesday and Thursday inspecting the Van Raalte plant being built in East Franklin. He was accompanied to Franklin and Bryson City by E. W. McEbert, who will be manager of the firm's plants here and at Bryson City, as well as of that at Blue Ridge, Ga.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Dr. Brabson's old horse, Alec, is 28 years old now and now on the superannate list. The Dr. has rode him for 25 years in his practice.

The Asheville Citizen says there will be new depots at Dillsboro and Sylva soon.

Tracks of the Blind Tiger were plainly discernible on our street last Saturday evening.

25 YEARS AGO

Col. and Mrs. F. S. Johnston left last week for Plant City, Fla., to spend several weeks with their sons, Jack and F. S., Jr. Mr. Johnston has been in poor health since suffering a stroke several weeks ago and he is making a trip to Florida in the hope that the change of climate may improve his condition. They were accompanied by Dr. S. H. Lyle.

10 YEARS AGO

Blackburn W. Johnson, publisher and editor of The Franklin Press for the past six years, has accepted a position as editor of the Farmers Federation News.

Price quotations from Farmers Federation Market:

Chickens, heavy breed, hens, 13c. Eggs, doz., 18c. Potatoes, No. 1, \$1.35.

5,000 Are Without Jobs In 4-County Local Area, Employment Service Says

Five thousand persons, able and available for work, are at present unemployed in Macon, Jackson, Swain, and Graham counties, according to Simon P. Davis, manager of the N. C. Employment service office at Bryson City, which serves the four-county area.

And for at least 4,000 of them, there is "absolutely no prospect within the foreseeable future" of placing them in jobs in this area, Mr. Davis added.

Ninety per cent of the surplus is "good competent labor, approximately 75 per cent being male, practically all native born," he said.

The information is contained in the first issue of the Bryson City office's monthly publication, "Labor Market Digest", just published.

The unemployment situation exists, says Mr. Davis through the Digest, "in spite of the fact that most all existing employers have normal crews and recent new employers have absorbed an additional 500 persons."

"A recent study of one dozen selected employers in this area

indicates that they will employ an additional 200 persons within the next four months. In addition to this figure, an estimated 500 persons who are not farmers, will be forced to engage in such work, in the absence of anything else to do.

"Of the estimated 5,000 available persons, approximately one third are World War II veterans presently filing claims for unemployment compensation or readjustment allowances. An additional 225 have completely exhausted their credits for such claims. Entering into the total is an approximate 1,200 females, some few being in the skilled group but most of whom are semiskilled or completely unskilled. Around 600 of the total are non-white.

"A survey of our labor supply which has just been completed indicates that the total falls roughly into the following classifications by per cents: Professional and managerial, 3.3; clerical and sales, 6.0; service occupations, 10.4; agriculture, forestry, etc., 2.0; skilled 17.3; semi-skilled, 32.4; and unskilled, 18.6 per cent."

Macon Folk Put \$40,362 In U. S. Bonds In Month

Macon County business houses and individuals invested \$40,362.50 in U. S. Savings bonds in January, according to H. W. Cabe, county chairman.

This was more than three times the total for either November or December. Bonds bought in this county in November amounted to \$12,190, and the figure for December was \$11,694.

Of the total for January, \$35,362.50 was in "E" bonds, and \$5,000 in "G" bonds.

Fish Rearing Station Will Be Operated

Negotiations are nearing completion for the division of game and inland fisheries, State Department of Conservation and Development, to take over supervision of the Arrowwood fish rearing station in the Nantahala forest's Wayah Bald Wildlife rearing station, it was learned Thursday from Raleigh. The station has not been in operation since before the war.

In this station, in the Wayah Bald Wildlife Management area of the Nantahala National forest, trout will be reared for release in streams of the Nantahala forest. The fish will be obtained from the federal hatchery at Wauhatchie. Arrowwood will continue to be maintained by the U. S. Forest service, which owns the station, but the pools will be operated by the state.

Harley Martin, of Cherokee county, recently became state warden on Wayah area, succeeding C. M. Caldwell, who was dropped from the state pay roll about two weeks ago, but it is not known whether Mr. Martin or someone else will be in charge of the rearing station.

Cabe Named Head Of Bryant Mutual Burial Association

H. W. Cabe was elected president of the Bryant Mutual Burial association at a meeting of the board of directors Tuesday. He succeeds Lawrence Linder. Charles M. Rogers and Mrs. Hermie B. Bryant were named vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

The board session followed the annual meeting of the stockholders, held at the Bryant funeral home February 18, at which Mr. Cabe, Mr. Linder, Mr. Rogers, A. B. Slagle, Charles Henderson, E. O. Rickman, and Carl D. Morgan were reelected directors, and Walter Dean, James L. Hauser, and W. C. Newton were added to the board.

POSTPONE MUSIC CLUB MEET

The meeting of the Franklin Junior Music club which was scheduled for Saturday has been postponed for one week, to Saturday, March 8.

WORK TO BEGIN ON POWER DAM

Queen's Creek Project Of Nantahala Firm Given Approval

Construction of the Nantahala Power and Light company's proposed hydro-electric project on Queen's Creek will begin as soon as materials can be assembled, J. E. S. Thorpe, president of the company, said this week.

His announcement followed the Federal Power commission's approval Monday of the Nantahala firm's application, which was filed several weeks ago.

The project, which will be one of the highest head units in Eastern America, will be in the Winding Stair section of this county, about 17 miles west of Franklin.

The dam across Queen's Creek, a tributary of the Nantahala river, will be 65 feet high and 405 feet in length, and will be constructed of rock and earth. It will create a lake slightly more than a mile long. It will be situated at a point about 800 feet upstream from the Queen's Creek falls.

The one-unit power house, to be built at Beechertown on the Nantahala river, will consist of a Pelton wheel, directly connected to an alternating current generator of 2,000 kva. capacity. A 24" steel pipe will convey the water from the reservoir to the Pelton wheel.

The water in the reservoir will be 1,005 feet higher than the center line of the Pelton wheel, making it one of the highest head units in the East.

The output of this hydro-electric unit will be used to supplement the supply of electric energy to the Nantahala company's system, which has enjoyed considerable growth during the past year, Mr. Thorpe said.

Dixon

Resigns As Assistant County Agent

G. B. Dixon, assistant county agent here, has resigned, effective February 28.

Mr. Dixon, who has held his position in Macon County for about 11 months, indicates that he will return to his home near Kings Mountain, where he will farm.

No successor has yet been chosen, S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, said.

Penland Wins In District Public Speaking Contest

Lewis Penland, tenth grade student at the Franklin High school, won first place at a public speaking contest held last Wednesday in Waynesville by the western district of the Future Farmers of America. There were six other contestants in the event.

The young local Future Farmer member chose as his topic, "It Takes Farm Minded People to Make a Success of Farming."

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
February 20	45	34	1.11
February 21	40	22	T*
February 22	45	21	
February 23	42	22	.12
February 24	30	10	
February 25	35	18	T*
February 26	35	18	

*Trace
Rainfall for month to date, 1.90 inches.
For year to date, 13.04.

SEES NO BASIS FOR SOVIET-U. S. UNDERSTANDING

Godshall Favors Long Japan Occupation, Aid To China

There can be no compromise—there is no real basis for cooperation—between Soviet Russia and the United States, the only two great powers in the world today.

The sole hope for a peaceful Japan in the future is for United States troops to occupy the islands until today's Japanese children, educated under American supervision, become the majority in Japan.

It will make all the difference to America, and to the world, whether China, on the way to becoming a great power, becomes so through the support of the United States or through the backing of Soviet Russia.

Those were the three major points made by Dr. W. Leon Godshall in his address at the Methodist church here last Friday night. Dr. Godshall, head of the department of international relations at Lehigh university, spoke on "Getting Together in the Orient." The second of four speakers being brought here by the Franklin Rotary club to discuss the general topic of international understanding, he addressed an attentive audience of high school students Friday afternoon.

While some of the questions asked at the close of his ad-

Coers, Next Speaker, Will Be Heard Friday

Morris H. Coers, lecturer odist church here Friday in and traveler of Indianapolis, Ind., will speak at the Methodist church here Friday in the third of the series of Rotary lectures. He will address high school students at 12:50 p. m., and an adult audience at 7:30 Friday night. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Rotary club.

Mr. Coers, former chaplain of the Indiana Boys' school and a former state legislator, served overseas as a Red Cross field director during World War 2. He has traveled extensively, in Europe, the Near East, and North Africa.

His topic will be "UN, Vehicle of World Cooperation?"

dress indicated that some in the audience disagreed with his opinions, there was general agreement that his talk, which was definitely pessimistic, provoked his hearers to think.

Quoting Lenin, patron saint of communism, that the ends of communism should be attained "by use of any ruse, conceit, cunning, evasion, or trickery" necessary, Dr. Godshall indicated doubt of the sincerity of Stalin when he said recently that Russia and western democracy can live side by side in friendship. The speaker added that there is no possibility of compromising with communism, because the communists are inspired by "a missionary zeal to convert the world to communism, by force if necessary."

Japan, he said, is "defeated but unchastened." He declared that today there is little human material available upon which to build a nation with which the rest of the world can live at peace, since the Japanese, too, believe it their religious duty to spread a Japanese "roof" over the whole world. Should America withdraw and "let the Japanese work it out" it would be worked out the wrong way, he declared.

The speaker was introduced by G. L. Houk, chairman of the Rotary club's committee on international affairs.

Bill Would Extend Highlands' Limits

McGlamery Measure Would Fix Corporate Limits 1 1/2 Miles From Center Of Town; Three Other Bills Offered

A bill to extend the corporate limits of the town of Highlands is one of four local measures introduced in the general assembly today (Thursday) by Representative Herbert A. McGlamery.

The other three bills would increase the salary of the Macon County juvenile court judge (the clerk of superior court), permit the Highlands town board to levy special assessments for street and sidewalk improvements, and authorize the recording of a copy of the original survey of the town of Highlands.

The Highlands extension measure was introduced by Mr. McGlamery at the request of the Highlands town board, chamber of commerce, and Rotary club.

The bill would set the corporate limits of Highlands a mile and a half, north, east, south, and west, from the intersection of Main and Fourth streets. The present limits are three-quarters of a mile, in each of the four directions, from Main and Fourth.

Would Create 3-Mile Square
The town at present is a square measuring one and a half miles on each side, and thus containing two and a half square miles. Mr. McGlamery's bill would create a town square measuring three miles on each of its four sides, and containing nine square miles.

If the bill is enacted, it not only will multiply by four the area within the town limits, but will greatly increase the taxable valuation of town property and Highlands' total population.

Town officials, who remarked that the entire town is behind the proposal, explained that most persons living outside the corporate limits are now receiving many municipal services without paying taxes to the town. Some of the services, it was said, extend as much as seven miles from the center of Highlands.

Text Of Bill
The text of Mr. McGlamery's extension measure follows:

"Section 1. That the corporate limits and boundaries of the Town of Highlands, a municipal corporation located in Macon County, North Carolina, shall be as follows:

"BEGINNING at a stake one and one-half (1 1/2) miles North from the crossing of Main and Fourth Streets, and running thence East one and one-half (1 1/2) miles; thence South three (3) miles; thence West three (3) miles; thence North three (3) miles; thence East one and one-half (1 1/2) miles to the point of BEGINNING.

"Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws applicable to the Town of Highlands according to the corporate limits as heretofore existing and defined, shall be applicable to the Town of Highlands according to the limits and boundaries as set forth in Section 1 hereof as fully as if the said limits and boundaries in said Section 1 hereof had been set forth in the original charter of said municipal corporation, and each amendment thereto, and each re-enactment of said charter.

"Sec. 3. That the property included within the extended corporate limits of the Town of Highlands, above described, shall be subject to taxation as other property in the Town of Highlands for the year 1947, and thereafter; and the citizens residing in said extended territory shall be entitled to all the privileges of other citizens of said town.

"Sec. 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

"Sec. 5. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

Fixes Salary At \$900

The second of Mr. McGlamery's bills would fix the salary of the clerk of superior court for his duties as juvenile court judge at \$900 per year. The present salary is \$80 per year.

The clerk is ex officio juvenile court judge. For his duties as clerk, he receives no salary, his remuneration being paid in fees.

The bill would make the salary increase retroactive to January 1, 1947.

The Highlands assessment measure authorizes the town board to levy special assessments against property owners for street and sidewalk improvements, with the proviso that the requirement that the property owners petition for such

the improvements and assessments shall not apply to certain sections of certain streets as follows:

Main street from First to Fifth street; First street from Oak to Spring; Second from Oak to Spring; Third from Oak to Spring; Fourth from Pine to Spring; and Fifth from Pine to Church.

May Assess Total Cost
"The board of commissioners shall have power", the bill reads, "to make such improvements in and along said streets, as above defined, either upon its own initiative and without petition or upon petition."

In cases where special assessments for street or sidewalk improvements are to be levied by said board without petition, in and along said streets as above defined, the board of commissioners may assess the total cost of the improvements, exclusive of so much of said cost as is incurred at street intersections, against the lots and parcels of land abutting on said improvement, according to their respective frontages thereon, by an equal rate per foot of such frontage."

Original Survey Lost
The original survey of the town of Highlands, made by S. T. Kelsey in 1878, is not of record in Macon County, and is not now available for recordation (it is said to have been lost for many years), it is set forth in the bill relating to the survey of Highlands.

Plan Eight-Town Baseball League; Meeting Called

A meeting to organize an eight-team baseball league has been called by the Andrews chamber of commerce for 7 p. m. March 3 in Andrews, according to Ralph Womack, who has received an invitation to attend.

Towns invited to send representatives are Franklin, Sylva, Bryson City, Murphy, Robbinsville, Hayesville, Copper Hill, Tenn., and Young Harris, Ga.

Methodists Plan 'Covered Dish' Meet Friday At 6

The second in a series of congregational dinner meetings will be held at the Methodist church tomorrow (Friday) evening at 6 p. m. Like the previous gathering, it will be a "covered dish" affair, each family bringing one or more dishes for the common meal.

Everyone is asked to be on time, so that the program can be completed prior to the Rotary lecture at the church at 7:30.

Dismantling Of Scout House Gets Under Way

Dismantling of the Scout house, just back of the Masonic temple, was begun Wednesday. The materials are being contributed by the Rotary club for use in constructing the caretaker's house at the Slagle memorial. Plans for the Boy and Girl Scout meetings, pending completion of the memorial, are incomplete.

Baptist Ministers Will Meet Here Next Monday

The Macon County Baptist Ministers association will meet at the Franklin church Monday at 10 a. m. The Rev. C. E. Parker will lead a discussion of associational work. The devotional will be conducted by the Rev. N. E. Holden.

CUBS TO MEET

The Cub Scout Pack will meet at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Mrs. W. A. Rogers, who has been ill at Angel hospital for the past two weeks, is much improved, and was able to return to her home Thursday.