

FIRE-DAMAGED MINE PLANT IS TO BE REBUILT

**Bradley Mine On Bryson
Road Hit By \$25,000
Night Blaze**

Work is expected to start Monday on rebuilding the fire-damaged plant of the Bradley mica mine, four miles from Franklin on the Bryson City road.

The plant was two-thirds destroyed by a fire that was discovered late last Friday night. Damage was estimated at \$20,000 to \$25,000. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

Andy Buchanan, superintendent of the mine, said that all of the 20 to 25 men normally employed at the mine are at work, but it has been necessary to change, temporarily, from two to three shifts.

Floyd Mason, an employe, discovered the fire about 11:30 p.m. Friday night, while on his way home from work at the plant. The fire alarm was received in Franklin at 11:50, and firemen were at the plant 25 minutes later.

It was necessary to dam the small stream that runs by the plant to raise the water level to a point where the intake hose for the pump on the fire truck would reach the water. But once water became available, the firemen went to work. High winds fanned the blaze, however, and it was about 3 a. m. before the fire was extinguished.

The mill house, a washing plant, and a storage room were destroyed. One washing plant, a tank containing 700 gallons of fuel oil, the office, trucks, a gas tank containing several hundred gallons of gas, and the repair shop equipment were saved. And the machinery in the mine was undamaged.

Charge Day

**Meeting Planned Sunday
For Franklin Circuit**

A charge day meeting for the people of the Franklin Methodist circuit will be held at Clark's Chapel church next Sunday, March 30, it has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. D. P. Grant.

Following Sunday school at 10 a. m., the Rev. Walter B. West, district superintendent, will preach at the 11 o'clock service.

In the afternoon, choirs from the charge will sing.

J. Carl Sorrells, lay leader, will be in charge of a business session, and the quarterly conference will be held. The pastor urges that all officials be present with reports.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through
the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
The town is building a new side walk on the Georgia street from West Main to the corporation line, near W. B. McGuire's residence.

J. P. Angel and Son have removed their harness and saddle shop to the store room recently vacated by E. K. Cunningham.

25 YEARS AGO

Among the contracts let in Raleigh on Wednesday of last week by the State Highway Commission was the one from Franklin to the Georgia line, a distance of about 14 miles. This contract was let to the O'Brien Construction Company of Birmingham, Ala., for \$111,135.75. The bridge work on the project was awarded to the Griffith Construction Company of Salisbury, Md., for \$33,113.25. The road will be of water-bound macadam.

10 YEARS AGO

Two Macon county CCC camps, F-19 at Highlands and F-12 at Rainbow Springs, will be closed March 31, it has been announced from Washington. The enrollees of these camps have done splendid work on many worthwhile projects in this section and efforts have been made to keep them in operation, but the projects for which they were established have been completed and it was found necessary to close them.

School Issues Dominate Highlands 'Town Meeting'; Legion Lists Objectives

Community problems of the Highlands area were discussed at a "town meeting" of about 200 persons, held at the Highlands school theatre last Thursday night.

The two-hour discussion, in which a large number participated, was earnest and frank, and often punctuated by applause, but was marked by good humor throughout.

Health, tourists, town government, and industry to provide year-round employment all were given attention, but school problems dominated the meeting. Time after time, one of these other topics came up, and each time, after a few comments, the discussion turned back to schools.

Repeatedly arising were the issues of how to get the Highlands school buses equipped with chains; the condition of the school building at Highlands; and the county superintendent's office, and whether it should be a full-time position.

The gathering was called by Highlands Memorial Post No. 370, American Legion, and all citizens of Highlands township were invited to attend the post's open meeting.

Also invited, but not present, was County Supt. Guy L. Houk, who sent word late Thursday that he was ill.

The meeting was called to order by Doyle Burgess, post commander, who, after the opening ceremonies, introduced Legionnaire John B. Westbrook. Mr. Westbrook, in a keynote talk, voiced some of the Legionnaires' convictions about Highlands' possibilities and plead for community cooperation.

"If we can get together in this community, there is no such word as 'can't' for Highlands," he declared, and "if we are to have universal peace, it must be based on brotherhood, and that must start in the home and the community."

But "we have been told that
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School Board Has Four Applications For County Post

When the Macon County board of education holds its first meeting, scheduled for April 7, it will have before it the applications of four or more men for the position of county superintendent of schools in this county.

C. Gordon Moore, chairman of the present board and prospective member of the new board, said Thursday that he has at least four applications on hand. As far as he knows, Mr. Moore said, all of those applying meet the qualifications set up by the state.

Ask Diplomas For Veterans Passing Test

The local American Legion post, at its meeting Friday night of last week, voted to ask the Macon County board of education to recognize certificates issued by the Armed Forces Institute and issue high school diplomas to Macon County servicemen who have passed the institute's tests.

The Legion post requested Bob S. Sloan, Legionnaire and prospective member of the board of education, to take the matter up at the new board's first meeting.

It was brought out that a number of Macon County men who entered the armed forces before completing high school have successfully passed the institute's tests, indicating that they have demonstrated the equivalent, in intelligence and information, of a high school education, but none of them has been issued a diploma.

Most other North Carolina counties, it was said, issue diplomas on a basis of the institute's tests.

The Legion also went on record as offering its assistance to the families of men who lost their lives overseas and whose bodies the families request the government to bring home.

Applications are being sought by the Legion from veterans interested in the position of caretaker at the Slagle memorial. While no definite arrangements have been worked out, it was said there probably will be a good business, in serving meals at the memorial, for a man and his wife.

Methodist Fellowship Supper Planned Friday

The monthly fellowship supper of the Franklin Methodist church will be held tomorrow (Friday) night at 7 o'clock in the church basement. The meeting will be sponsored by the Senior Men's Bible class, with the ladies supplementing the men's efforts in providing the food.

PLAN SING SUNDAY

The Fifth Sunday Singing convention will be held at the courthouse, starting at 10 a. m., it has been announced by J. M. Raby, president.

3 CANDIDATES FILE IN TOWN ELECTION HERE

**Moore Seeks To Be Mayor;
Dryman And Ledford
Out For Aldermen**

Three men have filed to date as candidates in Franklin's municipal election May 6.

One of those who has filed notice with the town clerk seeks the office of mayor, while the other two are candidates for places on the six-member board of aldermen.

John M. Moore is out for mayor of Franklin, while Prelo Dryman and Oscar Ledford are the two so far in the race for aldermen.

None of the present officials—T. W. Angel, Jr., mayor, and John M. Archer, Jr., J. S. Conley, Fred Cabe, Frank B. Duncan, Cecil Pendergrass, and L. B. (Shine) Phillips, aldermen—has filed. Nor have any of them publicly announced their intentions.

Mr. Moore is a retired merchant. After operating a store in the Cullasaja community for some 13 years, he came to Franklin and was in the grocery and general mercantile business here for 25 years. He lives on White Oak street.

Mr. Dryman is owner of the Dryman Feed and Gro. business on West Main street. He and Mrs. Dryman make their home on the Georgia road.

Mr. Ledford, a veteran of World 2, is one of the incorporators of Franklin Frozen Foods, Inc., which is erecting a freezer plant on West Main street. He makes his home just off Harrison avenue.

Highlands is scheduled to hold its biennial municipal election on May 6, also. No Highlanas candidates, however, have filed so far.

Mayor W. H. Cobb has announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection.

In both towns, the registration of those not on the registration books will open April 12 and close April 26. The latter date will be challenge day in Highlands, while May 3 has been set as the day for challengers in Franklin.

Franklin candidates, to be eligible, must file notices of their candidacies with the town clerk by April 7, while the deadline in Highlands is April 12.

Municipal elections in both towns are non-partisan.

Orchestra Is Heard By 900 In 2 Concerts

Approximately 900 persons heard the two concerts given here Friday of last week by the Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

About 600 school children were present for the free afternoon performance. Students attended from the Franklin, Iotia, Burningtown, Higdonville, Slagle, Union, and Chapel (Negro) schools.

Ticket sales for the evening performance totaled \$412. Taking account of the 75-cent tickets for high school students, it was estimated that some 300 heard the orchestra Friday night.

The orchestra was scheduled to receive \$750 for coming to Franklin, but when Miss Nora Moody, local chairman, notified the manager that the money probably would not be raised, the group volunteered to come anyway. Dr. Benjamin Swain, director, in an intermission talk, explained that the orchestra is a state institution, and that the loss here would be made up at other places, or in gifts.

Plan Examination For Social Security Jobs

A Civil Service examination for the positions of field assistant and claim assistant with the Social Security administration has just been announced by a field board of the United States Civil Service examiners.

Application forms may be obtained from any first or second-class post office. All applications must be received on or before April 17, 1947.

Red Cross Nearly \$300 Over Quota; Total Is \$2,690

Macon County is nearly \$300 beyond its quota in the 1947 fund campaign of the Red Cross, with the total still incomplete, the Rev. C. E. Parker, county fund chairman, announced this week.

To date, \$2,690.89 has been reported.

The quota assigned this county was \$2,410. Those workers in the campaign who have not made complete reports are asked to do so at once, since the local chapter wishes to make its final report by March 31, Mr. Parker said.

VAN RAALTE TO OPEN APRIL 7 Start Of Operations In New Plant Set For That Date

The Van Raalte company has made tentative plans to begin operations in the completed section of its new plant in East Franklin Monday, April 7.

Work can start at that date, it was said this week, unless there should be delay in the arrival of some shafting and two motors that are expected within the next day or two.

About five employes will be put to work on a glove operation the first day, it was said, one or two more will be added each day during the week, and after the first week, about six persons will be added to the pay roll weekly until an instructional staff can be built up, after which the expansion will be speeded up.

The equipment in the Leach building, where 12 persons have been employed for several months mending hosiery, will be moved to the East Franklin structure this week-end. Those who have been engaged in the hosiery operation will continue at that work for the time being, it was explained.

It is planned to employ a total of about 80 persons, as soon as that many can be trained, in the portion of the building that has been completed.

Construction work on the remainder of the structure, halted because of the difficulty of obtaining materials, is expected to be resumed in the early summer, and it is hoped that it can be completed this fall or early next year.

Mrs. Jess Allen, Formerly Of This County, Succumbs

News was received here this week of the death in Harlan, Ky., of Mrs. Jess Allen, 59. Mrs. Allen, the former Miss Carrie Beck, was reared in the Cullasaja community and has many relatives there and in and near Clayton, Ga. She left this county about 40 years ago.

Mrs. Allen died March 9, and the body was taken to Dora, Ala., former home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, for burial March 12. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Leonard Allen, of Baltimore, Md.; a daughter, Mrs. Lacy Myers, of Harlan; a sister, Mrs. Addie Johnson, of Greenwood Springs, Miss; and a brother, Robert Beck, of Olympia, Wash.

Kelly's Tea Room To Be Reopened April 1

Miss Lassie Kelly, who reopened Kelly's inn sometime ago, has announced that she will reopen the tea room April 1. The inn and tea room were closed during the winter months.

PLAN SUNRISE SERVICE

A sunrise service will be held at 6:30 o'clock Easter morning at the Cowee Baptist church. The general public is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Dalton and family, of Greenville, S. C., spent the week-end with Mr. Dalton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dalton, at their home, Franklin, Route 3. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton also had as week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holbrook and grandson, David Michael, of Asheville. Mrs. Holbrook, Mrs. Frank I. Murray, and Mrs. Sam Gibson, Sr., returned Thursday from the state W. M. U. meeting in Asheville.

SENATE PASSES BILL REQUIRING BOARD MEETS

**5 Nominated For Macon
School Body Listed
In State Measure**

The general assembly this week acted upon two measures affecting the Macon County school system.

The house education committee Wednesday approved the omnibus boards of education bill, appointing school boards for the state's 100 counties, and the senate Wednesday passed Representative Herbert A. McGlamery's bill to require the Macon County board of education to meet monthly.

The boards of education bill would appoint the five men nominated in last June's Democratic primary to the board in this county—Gordon Moore and Robert S. Sloan, of Franklin, and Frank Browning, Ed Byrd, and Walter Gibson, of Franklin, R. F. D. Representative McGlamery had announced early this year that he would recommend the appointment of the five men nominated.

The bill, which was introduced in the house last Thursday, must be passed by both house and senate before becoming law.

Will Become Law

The McGlamery measure requiring the Macon County board of education to meet monthly was introduced a week ago, and already had been passed by the house. It will become law upon its formal ratification. The bill requires this county's school board to meet the first Monday of every month at the courthouse, and provides that members shall receive the regular per diem for each such meeting.

Meanwhile, the house Wednesday passed a measure authorizing the county commissioners of Macon and 19 other counties to regulate or prohibit the sale of beer except in Grade A or Grade B hotels and restaurants.

The measure also would prohibit the sale of wine in these 20 counties, but no wine licenses are now in effect in this county, under terms of an earlier law authorizing the county commissioners, in their discretion, to issue no licenses to sell wine.

Have No Discretion

Under the present law, the county commissioners are required to issue beer licenses to any applicants who have not been convicted of violation of the prohibition law within the past two years. Approximately 20 establishments in this county are now licensed.

The bill now goes to the senate.

Another prohibition bill that may affect Macon County is that of Rep. Moore, of Clay county. Twice given an unfavorable committee report on his measure to permit a referendum in Clay on beer and wine, Mr. Moore Wednesday appealed to the house, and its membership, by a vote of 60 to 26, put the bill on the favorable calendar.

Should Rep. Moore's measure be passed, it is considered likely that Rep. McGlamery and other legislators will seek similar action on referendum bills they introduced which were killed in committee.

Names Magistrates

Pending in the general assembly is a measure which would appoint 13 new justices of the peace in this county and reappoint four, all for two-year terms beginning April 1.

Under the law, justices of the peace may be appointed for two, four, or six-year terms. A number of those now serving in this county previously were given appointments for the longer terms and thus their terms have not expired.

The Macon County men whom the present bill would appoint are:

Burningtown Township—Robert Parrish, Floyd Ramsey, W. G. Rowland; Cowee Township—John H. Dalton; Flats Township—E. Dryman; Franklin Township—E. W. Long, Jim Mann, Crude Meadows; Highlands Township—W. W. Edwards; Millshoal Township—Jack Cabe; Nantahala Township No. 1—B. A. Baldwin; Nantahala Township No. 2—J. R. Shields; Smith Bridge Township—Tom Alley, Arthur Blaine, J. M. Cabe; Sugar Fork Township—W. A. Keener, E. C. Shook.