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## MORE THAN 100 CATTLE SOLD AT STOCK AUCTION

Veal Prices Average  
\$22.50, Cows \$13.00,  
Steers \$13.50

More than 100 cattle were placed on the auction block before a large group of buyers by the Franklin Live Stock Auction at the firm's first sale held Wednesday at their newly erected stock pens on the Georgia road.

This new firm is under the management of B. V. (Verlon) McCoy and plans to conduct similar sales each Wednesday afternoon.

At this opening sale, bidding was lively, and veal calves and fat cows brought especially good prices.

Top price for veal calves was \$24.50 per hundred weight, with the average being \$22.50; while fat cows, ready for slaughter, brought a high of \$15 and averaged \$13 to \$14.

Steers topped at \$16 and averaged \$13.50.

The top price paid for yearlings was \$16.50, with the average price being \$14. A few milk cows were auctioned at a price ranging from \$70 to \$80.

Several horses were placed on the block, but trading was slow.

Mr. McCoy has obtained the services of R. A. (Bob) Patton as auctioneer for all sales.

In opening the sale Mr. Patton stressed the fact that these sales will be conducted each week and that every effort will be made to obtain the highest price possible for all live stock brought for sale. The auctioneer also pointed out that it was expected that an even larger number of cattle and other live stock will be available at later sales, as many people now have their stock in pasture and do not wish to bring them off the grass at this time.

Among the chief buyers on hand for the sale were J. R. Franklin and sons, who have recently opened a modern slaughter house in this county, Ralph Bradley, Ralph Penland, L. Simmons, and Gene Baldwin. Mr. Franklin was the largest buyer of the day.

**PLAN ALL-DAY MEETING**  
An all-day service will be held at Sloan's Chapel Sunday, starting at 10:30 a. m., with dinner to be served on the grounds at noon.

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

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The Board of County Commissioners was in session two days at the last term. The Board in connection with the Clerk and Register elected M. L. Kelly, J. G. Siler, and W. J. Evans as the Board of Education under the recent law. The following taxes were levied: For roads and bridges, 5 cents on the \$100 and 15 cents on each poll. Special levy for Highlands township, 10 cents on the \$100 and 30 cents on the poll for roads. For paupers, 3 cents on the \$100 and 25 cents on the poll; for schools, 46 cents on the poll; 20 cents on the \$100 for ordinary purposes. Special taxes 6 cents on the \$100 and 18 cents on the poll.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Rev. H. G. Allen, who is conducting revival services at the Franklin Methodist church, has invited the members of the Board of Trade to attend the Friday evening services in a body, as the service for the evening will be in honor of the board. All members are requested to meet at the office of the Board of Trade Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock.—S. H. Lyle, Sec.

### 10 YEARS AGO

A very interesting meeting of the United Daughters of Confederacy was held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. R. Ray. The chapter gave a cash prize for the best essay written on a hero or heroine in the War Between the States. This was won by Miss Jean Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Moore. The essay was a sketch of the life of her great-grandmother, Avaline Lynch Barnard.

## Whitmire Heads N. C. Association Of Ag. Teachers

E. J. Whitmire, vocational agriculture teacher in the Franklin High school, has been elected president of the North Carolina Association of Agriculture Teachers.

Mr. Whitmire was chosen at a meeting of the association in Raleigh last week. The meeting was held in connection with the annual State college short course for agriculture teachers, which Mr. Whitmire attended.

## SAME TAX RATE NEXT YEAR SEEN

### Board of Commissioners To Adopt Budget, Fix Levy July 7

Next year's county-wide tax rate probably will be the same as this year's, Chairman W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, of the board of county commissioners said this week.

The present rate is \$1.10 per hundred dollars' valuation.

While there will be slight increases in some items of expense, Mr. Baldwin said the board expects to be able to meet its budget without any increase in the tax rate.

The board, at its regular meeting Monday, July 7, will adopt a budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 and fix a rate.

## Mrs. McKee

### To Be Speaker At Zone Meet At Mt. Zion

Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, will be the chief speaker at a meeting of the Macon County zone, Woman's Societies for Christian Service, Wednesday of next week. The zone comprises the societies of all the Methodist churches in this county.

The session will get under way at 10:30 a. m. and Mrs. McKee will speak during the morning. In the afternoon, Mrs. W. W. Jones, of Waynesville, district secretary of children's work, will meet with the local children's work secretaries.

All the ladies from churches throughout the county are invited. Each person attending is asked to bring one dish, and a "pot luck" lunch will be served at noon.

## Fence

### Around Athletic Field Is Now Finished

The athletic field at the school here is now fenced, William Waldrop, member of a Rotary club committee on the project, reported at Wednesday night's meeting of the club.

About 400 feet of new fence has been built, at a total cost of approximately \$140, and the remainder of the fence has been repaired.

The Rotarians took the initiative in the work. It is understood that sponsors of the various teams in the softball league, which use the field, will share the expense with the club.

### Swimming, Golf, Tennis At Lodge Open To Public

The Franklin Lodge and Golf Course opened for its fourteenth season this week under the management of Major and Mrs. J. F. Carmack.

Major Carmack said that the swimming, tennis and golf facilities would be open to the public.

He added that he had obtained the services of Dick Mehroff, Tulane university student and veteran of four years' naval service, as life guard.

Mr. Mehroff will also give swimming lessons for beginners, intermediates, and advanced groups. He has served as a swimming instructor in both the navy, and in several boys' camps prior to the war.

### PLAN BOX SUPPER

A box supper will be held tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock at Carson's Chapel Methodist church as a benefit for the Boy Scouts and the Golden Cross orphanage fund.

## WATER SAFETY PROGRAM WILL START JULY 14

### Swimming Instructors' Course To Be Given By Red Cross

A swimming instructors' class will be conducted here by the Red Cross July 14-25, with James Davis, special field representative, in charge, it was announced Tuesday night at a meeting of the executive committee of the Macon County Red Cross chapter. The Rev. Charles E. Parker, chapter chairman, also announced the appointment of James Hauser as water safety chairman.

Mr. Davis, who will come here to teach the course, made a record, a few years ago, in competitive swimming. During the war, he served as an officer in the navy.

The class for instructors will be the first phase in a county-wide water safety program planned by the Red Cross. The course will be open, without charge, to any person 18 years of age or older, who can swim. Its purpose is to prepare instructors to teach boys and girls in this county how to swim. Classes for the youngsters are planned later this season. Persons interested in taking the instructors' course are asked to notify Mr. Hauser, Mrs. Mary Jo Sloan, home service secretary, or any member of the executive committee.

The classes will be conducted at Arrowood Glade and Cliffside, the swimming facilities of which have been made available by officials of the Nantahala National forest.

Another feature of the executive committee's meeting was a report by S. C. Russell, of Highlands, on the recent national Red Cross convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Russell attended the convention as the representative of the Macon County chapter, and gave members of the committee an interesting account of the convention's highlights.

W. D. Dibrell, general field representative for this Red Cross area, with headquarters in Atlanta, attended the committee meeting.

## 38 Boys, Girls Attend 7-Day S. S. Meeting

Thirty-eight boys and girls from six union Sunday schools in Macon County returned Monday from a week's American Sunday School Union Bible conference at Lake Louise conference grounds, Toccoa, Ga.

Highlights of the gathering, designed to give rural young people from union Sunday schools a week of Christian leadership training, Bible study, evangelism, and recreation, included participation in a broadcast over Toccoa's Radio Station WRLC and a guided tour of the LeTourneau company's factory and offices in Toccoa.

The group sang over the radio, and Loraine Angel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Angel, sang "Fairest Lord Jesus", as a solo.

Members of the Macon County group, headed by the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Hull, were: Bobby Norris, Marguerite Smart, Clyde Guest, Mattie Jo Guest, Clyde Houston, Roy Brooks, Frances Corbin, Margaret Thomas, Kenneth McCall, Howard Guest, Kelly Moses, and Clyde Norton, from Sloan's Chapel; Iris Long, Kathryn Long, Freda Tallent, George Phillips, Larry Phillips, Louise Ray, Arlene Ray, Martha Jones, Charles Russell, Christine Tilson, Loraine Angel, Bobby Mason, Billy Mason, and Dixie Nell Myers, from Friendship Tabernacle; Carolyn Bryson, Edwina Bryson, Ruth Lequire, Kenneth Clark, and Sally Grant, from Salem; Jack Hadden, and Richard Mashburn, from Walnut Creek; Tracy Tallent, Fred Stewart, and Nell Baldwin from River Bend; and Juanita Evans and Helen Evans, from Olive Hill.

The output of checks by North Carolina commercial hatcheries last year totaled approximately \$5,160,000.

## Women May Serve As Jurors At Next Macon Court Term

When Macon Superior court convenes in August, women may be drawn for duty on the grand or petit juries—for the first time in the county's history.

The board of county commissioners this week completed the selection of the jury list from which jurors will be drawn during the next two years, and among the names placed in the box are those of women.

The names came chiefly from the tax books, and it is estimated that about one out of 20 of the little typewritten slips placed in the jury box bears the name of a woman.

The action of the commissioners is in compliance with a state constitutional amendment, providing for women to serve on juries, adopted in last November's general, and with an act of the 1947 general assembly.

Names of some Negroes also were placed in the jury box, as required by a decision of the U. S. supreme court. This, however, was not the first time Negroes were included in a jury list here.

The selection of new names to be placed in this county's jury box, begun by the commissioners at their regular meeting June 2, was completed at a session Monday of this week. As the commissioners approved and read a name, it was typed by Lake V. Shope, secretary to the board, and the typewritten page later was cut into slips, each bearing one name.

## Mountain

### Blossoms, Now At Height, Large And Brilliant

Despite late frosts and a dry spring, the azalea and rhododendrum on the surrounding mountainsides are now in full bloom. While there is not the profusion of blossoms sometimes found, the blooms this year are larger in size and more brilliant in color.

Sightseers who traveled to the top of Wayah Bald last week, many of them natives of this section, remarked that they had seldom seen a more brilliant floral display.

Among the many places which will still be at their height, this week-end is the peak of Wayah, far-famed for its beauty, especially at this season of the year.

## MRS. ARRY WEST TAKEN BY DEATH

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. Arry Pressley West, of Franklin, Route 1, with the Rev. D. P. Grant and the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt officiating. Burial followed immediately after in the Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bob West, Don West, Dee Frye, Bert Ferguson, Edwin Wallace, and Billy Wallace.

Following a brief illness, Mrs. West died at Angel hospital, Tuesday night.

Mrs. West, the former Miss Arry Pressley, was born June 14, 1910 in Jackson county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pressley. She was a member of the Baptist church and had lived in Macon county most of her life. She married Glen West of this county in February, 1946.

Surviving are her husband; a one-week old daughter, Marion Dixon; her mother, Mrs. W. R. Pressley; six sisters, Mrs. Mae Bumgarner, of Cullowhee, Mrs. Martha Brendle, of Cullowhee, Mrs. Ethel Mincey, of Dillsboro, Mrs. Laura Belle Dowdle, of Franklin, Route 2, Mrs. Annie Lou Greene, of Franklin, Route 1, and Miss Betty Lee Pressley, of Franklin, Route 1; three brothers, J. Z. Pressley, of Detroit, Mich., E. C. Pressley, of Dillsboro, and Bill Pressley, of Franklin, Route 1.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

### 95th Birthday Marked By Hill At Horse Cove Home

Frank H. Hill, widely known Macon County resident, celebrated his 95th birthday anniversary quietly at his home in Horse Cove valley Saturday, June 14.

## TWO FILTERING UNITS ARRIVE, TO BE TESTED

### To Pump Water From Creek On Murphy Road To Boost Supply

The two mobile filtering units, bought by town officials from government surplus to boost Franklin's inadequate water supply, arrived and will be tested this week, it was announced Thursday.

As soon as they test satisfactorily, they will be put to work pumping stream water into the mains of the town water system, it was added.

Present plans call for attaching them to the main at a point near the entrance to the Crawford farm, on the Murphy road, and pumping the water from the creek there. The water there, being clearer than farther down the creek, or than river water, will be easier to filter, it was pointed out.

Meanwhile, the water level in the reservoirs is somewhat higher than it was a week ago, it was said, presumably due to conservation measures. Automobile washing is not being permitted, and too water users have been asked not to use lawn and garden hose.

The mobile units, which are mounted on GMC trucks, also provide for chlorination, and town officials explained that the project will have to meet the health standards of the State Board of Health.

The units, obtained at Richmond, Va., were driven to Franklin by L. B. (Shine) Phillips, member of the board of aldermen, and W. L. Setser. They arrived Wednesday.

The two men left here Sunday for Richmond, but found one of the units had been overseas and still was crated, and some delay was experienced in uncrating it and putting it in shape to drive.

Each unit has a maximum capacity of 75 gallons per minute.

### J. L. Palmer Reenlists; Couple Goes To Sumter

Mr. and Mrs. John Lyle Palmer left Monday for Shaw field at Sumter, S. C., where Mr. Palmer, who recently reenlisted in the United States army air forces, will be stationed. Prior to his re-entry into the armed forces, Mr. Palmer served as manager of Stewart's Electrical Appliance store, in which he was a partner.

### Woman's Society To Hold Rummage Sale Saturday

The Woman's Society for Christian Service of the Mount Zion Methodist church will hold a rummage sale on the Public square Saturday afternoon, starting about noon. The purpose of the sale is to raise funds with which to purchase porch and yard furniture for the Mount Zion parsonage.

### John Edwards Serving Aboard USS Bausell

John W. Edwards, 20, seaman first class, son of Mrs. Thelma Edwards, of Franklin, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Bausell. The Bausell, part of Task Force 51, participated in the Maritime day celebration along with the battleship USS Iowa, four cruisers, 11 destroyers, and an aircraft carrier.

### Fourth Sunday Singing To Be Held At Bethel

The Fourth Sunday singing convention will be held at Bethel Methodist church June 22, starting at 1:30 p. m. Pritchard Russell, who will be in charge, emphasized that the public is

## Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

**Results**  
Friday, June 13:—  
All games rained out.  
Monday, June 16:—  
Veterans, 34; NP&L Co., 0.  
Rotary, 24; Zickgraf, 8.  
**Coming Games**  
Friday, June 20:—  
Oilers vs NP&L Co.  
Rotary vs Burrell.  
Monday, June 23:—  
NP&L Co. vs Burrell.  
Oilers vs Veterans.