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## EXPERT COMING TO GIVE SWIM COURSE HERE

Instructors' Course Is Planned; Is Free To Swimmers Over 18

James Davis, special field representative for the Red Cross, will arrive Saturday to make preparation for the swimming instructors' class which he will conduct here from July 14-25.

So far there has been a small number of applicants for the course.

Persons interested in taking the course are requested to discuss the matter with the Red Cross representative who may be found at the local chapter office in the bank building, or with James Hauser, water safety chairman.

The class for instructors will be the first phase of a county-wide water safety program planned by the Red Cross. The course will 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 will be conducted at Arrowood Glade and Cliffside, the swimming facilities, of which have been made available by officials of the Nantahala National forest.

## 14 Scouts

From Franklin Spending Week At Camp

Fourteen Boy Scouts from the Franklin troop left Sunday to spend seven days at Camp Daniel Boone, Scout camp situated in the heart of the Pisgah National Forest. The boys were taken to the camp in a truck by James L. Hauser. The truck was furnished by the Franklin Rotary club.

Those spending this week at the camp are: John Alsup, Jr., Richard Jones, Jr., Frank Henry, III, Bobby Potts, Pat Pattillo, Howard Patton, Charles Thomas, John M. Archer III, Russell McKelvey, Jr., Mac Jones, Alvin Stiles, John Kuester, Jr., Alfred Higdon, Jr., and Grady Thompson.

Camp Daniel Boone is maintained by the Scout districts of Western North Carolina for the use of the Scouts of this section. Recently the Smoky Mountain district, of which the Franklin troop is a member, pledged to give a large deep freezer unit for the use of the camp.

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

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
 The public school committee elected last Monday for Franklin Township are N. L. Barnard, Wm. Gribble, W. B. McGuire, Geo. R. Patton, and J. C. Hodgkin.

Complaint has been made by a taxpayer against the town council for paying the town marshal \$1.00 per day to haul away the street scrapings, as the scrapings are thought to be worth the labor without any additional cost to the corporation.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
 The big lake, hotel and summer home site development on Rabbit Creek that has been under consideration for some time by Franklin's leading business men will soon be a reality, if the present plans of the gentlemen behind the enterprise are carried to completion.

In order to put present plans into effect, it was decided to form a stock company and options have been secured on all property on the lake front under the name of Emory Development company.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
 Official news has been received here by Harvey Trice that the Georgia portion of the Tri-State highway is to be completed in the near future. E. Jack Smith, chief engineer of the Georgia state highway commission, states that the contract for this road will be let on July 30 and that work will start immediately thereafter.

## First Shipment Of Parking Meter Parts Is Received

The first shipment of parts for Franklin's parking meters has arrived.

The aluminum base covers for the 115 meters to be installed here came a few days ago, and have been stored in the fire house, pending receipt of the other parts.

No word has been received from the manufacturers, M. H. Rhodes, Inc., of Hartford, Conn., as to when installation will begin.

## TOWN AGAIN HAS ENOUGH WATER

Restrictions Lifted As Water From Creek Fills Tanks

Franklin has plenty of water again.

The shortage has been met with surface water pumped from the creek that crosses the Murphy highway just beyond the town limits.

The pumping operation got under way Sunday, and the reservoirs were quickly filled, and restrictions on the use of water for washing cars and watering lawns and gardens were promptly lifted.

The water passes through the filtering-chlorinating units, recently bought from government surplus, before being forced into a pipe that has been laid from the unit to the main that ends on the Murphy highway, about 500 feet east of the point where the water is obtained.

When the connection was made, it was found that the units' pumps were not strong enough to pump against the pressure of water in the mains and reservoirs, and the fire truck pump is being utilized temporarily.

The filtering-chlorinating units are set up on property leased from Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer L. Crawford, near the entrance to their farm.

## Siler Family

To Hold 96th Annual Reunion August 7

The 96th reunion of the Siler family will be held again this year on the first Thursday in August, which falls this year on August 7. Hosts for this traditional affair are Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crawford. The gathering will be held at their home, just outside the city limits of Franklin on the Murphy highway, with Mrs. Lee Crawford, Miss Callene Crawford, and Mrs. W. A. Rousseau assisting in entertaining.

This reunion is the oldest and largest held in this community and had its origin in the yearly gathering of four Siler brothers: Jesse, William, John and Jacob, who were among the first white settlers in Macon county.

Mr. Crawford, who is a descendant of the Jesse R. Siler branch of the family, urges that as many members of the family as possible plan to attend this year.

## Revival To Start Sunday At Snow Hill Methodist

A revival service will begin Sunday at Snow Hill Methodist church, with services set for 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., and at 8 p. m. on week days, it has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. D. P. Grant. The Rev. Ralph Taylor, of Canton, will do the preaching. Mr. Grant also announced that a Bible school will start Monday, and he emphasized that all the children in the community are invited, and the general public will be welcome to the revival services.

## Cullasaja Area Hit By Heavy Hail Storm

The Cullasaja section had a heavy hail storm Tuesday, and just to prove it, Willard Womack brought the evidence to town—a large pasteboard box filled with big hail stones, mixed with foliage they had knocked off trees and other vegetation they struck.

The box, brought to town during the afternoon and placed on the sidewalk on the Square, still contained bits of ice hours later.

## STONE PLACED ON 47 MILES OF ROAD IN MACON

State Building About 2 Miles Of New Gravel Road Monthly

A total of 32.6 miles of secondary roads in Macon County have been surface treated with crushed stone so as to make them usable in all types of weather, and 14.4 miles of all-weather roads have received additional costs of crushed stone, since November, 1945, according to records kept by the maintenance division of the state highway department.

At least 90 per cent of this work has been done in the past 18 months, according to Joe Setser, local maintenance superintendent. At present about two miles of new gravel road is being added to the system in this county each month. State standards require that roads of this type be 10 feet wide and that the gravel be six inches in depth.

The above mileage does not include patch work done on road shoulders, mud holes, etc. This type of work often requires as much as 25 truck loads of gravel per job.

Maintenance crews also are kept busy doing necessary patching of the pavement on primary highways and maintaining the shoulders of these roads.

In addition to this road work, a stock pile of approximately 20 thousand tons of crushed stone has been accumulated. This stone will be distributed over the county, in accordance with instructions from the division engineer, as rapidly as possible with the number of trucks available, Mr. Setser said.

## Ed R. Bradley

Funeral Held At Asbury Methodist Church

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Asbury Methodist church for Ed R. Bradley, who died unexpectedly at his home of a heart attack last Wednesday morning.

The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt and the Rev. V. N. Allen officiated at the service and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Thomas Stiles, Charlie Rogers, Vernon Stiles, Chandler Dufour, Paul Brown, and Edwin Stiles.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Bessie Rogers; three daughters, Miss Lotus Bradley, of Tryon, Mrs. Jay Dowdle, of Franklin, and Miss Hazel Bradley, of Cleveland, Tenn.; one granddaughter, Patricia Lou Dowdle, of Franklin; and one sister, Mrs. Belle Liner, of Otto.

Mr. Bradley, a life-long resident of Smith Bridge township, was well known as a prominent farmer there. He was a member of the Asbury Methodist church.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

## Federation Plans Annual Picnic In Franklin July 19

The annual Macon County picnic of the Farmers Federation will be held at the Franklin school Saturday, July 19, it was announced this week.

The all-day affair will open at 10 a. m. and continue until 4 p. m.

Athletic contests and games will feature the day's program, for which officials from the Asheville headquarters of the Federation are expected to come to Franklin.

The general public is invited to bring lunches and participate in the day's events. The Federation plans to serve lemonade and watermelon.

## PLAN FOOD BAZAAR

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Franklin Methodist church will sponsor a food bazaar Friday morning at 9 o'clock at the office of the Nantahala Power and Light company.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Culver left last week to return to their home in Longview, Texas, after visiting their parents here for 10 days. Mr. Culver is attending the LeTourneau institute there.

# County Tax Rate Remains \$1.10, Same As Last Year; Franklin Levy To Be \$1.25

Higher Valuation Enables Town To Hold Increase In Rate To 10 Cents

The Franklin board of aldermen adopted a budget of \$66,803.08 and fixed a tax rate of \$1.25 on the \$100 property valuation, at its meeting Monday night.

Last year's tax rate was \$1.15. Members of the board had anticipated a considerable boost in the rate, but it was possible to hold the increase to 10 cents because of the approximately \$400,000 growth in taxable values here during the past year.

The budget calls for \$26,630 for debt service, of which \$5,400 is interest on the \$120,000 public improvement bonds recently sold, the proceeds of which are now being expended. Principal payments on the bond issue do not start until 1949, at about which time an old issue of bonds will be retired.

The general fund anticipated expenditures total \$8,616.82; the police department, \$5,400; the fire department, \$1,350; the water department, \$13,906.26; and the street department, \$10,900.

Of the \$66,803.08 total estimated receipts, the budget calls for only \$23,551.20—slightly more than one-third—to be raised by the ad valorem tax of \$1.25. Most of the remaining \$44,251.88 will come from the Nantahala Power and Light company for bonds and interest, from water rent, and from uncollected 1946 taxes.

The water revenue is estimated at \$15,000, more than 50 per cent higher than last year's estimate. The big increase is anticipated because of additional water customers, made possible by extension of the water mains, and the increase in the rate, effective July 1.

The board which, at the June meeting, had reduced the salary of the clerk from \$200 a month to \$162.50, with the proviso that it should drop to \$150 next January 1, voted to add \$25 a month to those figures, in view of additional bookkeeping that will be required by installation of parking meters. Clerk E. W. Long, given the refusal of the job, in June had asked for a month to consider whether he wished to retain the position at the reduced salary. He told the board members Monday that the \$25 adjustment makes the salary satisfactory to him.

The board heard two delegations. One, made up of Lawrence Myers, C. L. Morrow, Bill Cunningham, and Carl Henson, appeared to say that Pauline avenue, near the Phillips bridge, is impassable, and to ask some relief. Mr. Myers, the spokesman, estimated 75 to 100 truckloads of stone would be required to put the street in shape. The matter was referred to the street committee for study and report.

The other group, made up of Carl McCall, Leonard Green, James Franks, and Carl Shepard, complained that dead animals are being left on the city dump; they added that the place "stinks," and that dogs, drawn to the area in search of food, make life dangerous in that section for women and children.

Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., explained that the town officers and garbage men are instructed to bury all dead animals, and expressed the belief that individuals who live nearby may be responsible. He read a letter from the district health department, which had investigated previous complaints, stating that no evidence was found of dead animals having been placed on the dump, but that it offers a favorable breeding place for flies.

Dr. H. T. Horsley, city health officer, said he would make an investigation, and members of the board expressed the view that, sooner or later, it would be necessary for the town to install an incinerator.

Upon recommendation of Howard Beebe company, the

## Highlands Board Defers Action On Budget, Levy

The Highlands board of commissioners, at the board's monthly meeting Monday night, discussed the budget for the Town of Highlands for the 1947-48 fiscal year, but deferred action on adopting the budget and setting the tax rate for the year.

## WILL DEVELOP MEMORIAL AREA

Rotary To Sponsor Plan's Execution; Committees For Year Named

Trustees of the Slagle Memorial are working out a long-range program for the development of the memorial property as a playground, and for its beautification, and the Franklin Rotary club Wednesday night decided to sponsor getting the trustees' program executed.

The Rotary will seek aid from other organizations, with a view to one group's assuming responsibility for one phase of the development program, another organization a second phase, etc.

The club, starting on a new year, took as its other major projects for the coming 12 months continued sponsorship of the Franklin Boy Scout troop, and conducting a second institute of international understanding. The first such institute was held here last winter, and proved popular with adults and school children alike.

President R. S. Jones announced appointment of club committees. Harmon H. Gnuse, E. J. Whitmire, Gilmer A. Jones, and A. B. Slagle are chairmen, respectively, of the club service, vocational service, community service, and international service committees, and these chairmen of the four major committees make up the club's aims and objects committee. On the program committee are John M. Archer, Jr., S. W. Mendenhall, and the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt.

## Other committee appointments:

Attendance, Kenneth Bryant; fellowship, Roy Goeghegan and William Katenbrink; classification, J. B. Ray; membership, H. Lee Guffey and Paul Potts; Rotary information, Guy L. Houk; public information, Weimar Jones; magazine, John Alsup; budget, W. W. Sloan, Rufus Snyder, and E. J. Whitmire; youth service, W. R. Waldrop; Boy Scouts, Russell E. McKelvey and John Alsup; rural youth service, S. W. Mendenhall and Clyde West; rural-urban youth, T. H. Fagg; crippled children, Dr. Frank Justice; institute of international understanding, E. W. Renshaw, Albert L. Ramsey, and Fred Slagle; employer-employee relationships, Grant Zickgraf; and sergeant-at-arms, Mack Franks.

## Mica Firm

Directors Are Elected; Officers Chosen

Mica Products Corporation, recently chartered firm which has acquired and is developing a number of mica properties in this county, has announced election of its directors and officers.

Members of the board of directors are John B. Maitland, James P. Dunnigan, of West Branch, Mich., J. Howard O'Connor, of New York City, C. M. Wacaster, and R. G. Lichtenstein.

Mr. Maitland and Mr. Lichtenstein have moved from Oil City, Penn., to Franklin, and Mr. Wacaster has come here from his home in Holly Springs, Ga.

The directors chose Mr. Lichtenstein as president, Mr. Dunnigan as vice-president, and Mr. Maitland as secretary-treasurer.

## Schools' Capital Outlay Request Cut To Keep Total At 27 Cents

The board of county commissioners, at its monthly meeting Monday, fixed the tax rate for 1947 at \$1.10 on the 100 property valuation.

This is the same rate as was in effect last year.

The levy is based upon a budget totaling approximately \$120,000.

The total of \$1.10 is made up of the following items:

General County	\$0.15
Health	.03
Courts and jail	.04
Social Security	.13
Pauper	.03
Debt service, county-wide	.45
School debt service	.03
Current expense, schools	.12
Capital outlay, schools	.12

Total county wide \$1.10

In Franklin township, there is an additional levy of 30 cents for debt service, the same as last year.

The county board of education had asked for a total levy for schools of 30 cents, but the commissioners cut three cents off the levy the school board had asked for capital outlay, and thus kept the school tax at the same total it was last year, 27 cents.

The board of education asked, and received, an increase from 5 to 12 cents for current expenses of operating the schools, and was given the amount sought for debt service—three cents, as compared with 5 cents last year. But its request for the same capital outlay levy of 15 cents was denied by the commissioners.

The only other items in the tax levy changed from last year are those for social security and pauper fund. The social security levy was cut from 14 to 13 cents, and the pauper levy was raised from 2 to 3 cents.

## RECEPTION TONIGHT WILL HONOR PASTOR AND BRIDE

The Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, and his bride, the former Miss Martha Elizabeth Troupe, will be honored at a reception at Kelly's inn this (Thursday) evening from 8:30 until 11 o'clock. The reception is being given by members of the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans, who were married June 19 in Philadelphia, recently returned to Franklin from their honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Bingham, of Franklin, Route 1, had the following persons from Gastonia as their guests last week: Charlie Bingham and son, Melvin; Mrs. Lucy Robinson and daughter, Phyllis and son Edwin; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lytton and infant daughter, Charlene; Mr. and Mrs. Furman Heffner and daughter; Percy Green, and Clyde McCraw.

## Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Results			
Friday, July 4:—			
Burrell 22; Ollers 13.			
NP&L Co. vs Zickgraf, rained out.			
Monday, July 7:—			
Burrell 13; Veterans 7.			
Rotary 8; Ollers 6.			
Coming Games			
Friday, July 11:—			
Zickgraf vs Burrell.			
Legion vs NP&L Co.			
Monday, July 14:—			
Ollers vs NP&L Co.			
Zickgraf vs Rotary.			
League Standings			
	W	L	Pct.
Rotary	7	1	.875
NP & L Co.	5	3	.625
Veterans	5	4	.555
Burrell	5	4	.555
Zickgraf	2	5	.285
Ollers	1	8	.125

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