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## BREEDERSHOLD FIELD DAY AT SLAGLE FARM

Dairy Authorities Here For N. C. Guernsey Group's Event

Cattle breeders, dairy specialists, farmers, and other guests gathered at the A. B. Slagle farm Wednesday for the North Carolina Guernsey Cattle Breeders association field day, with Mr. Slagle as host.

It was the first time such an event has been held farther west than Henderson County.

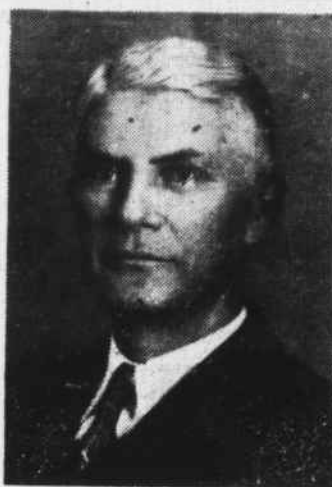
More than 150 persons were present to witness the showing of Guernsey cattle types from the Slagle farm, and later, at the Slagle Memorial, to hear addresses by Dr. R. H. Ruffner, of N. C. State college; F. R. Farnham, N. C. extension service dairy specialist; Mack Jeter, of Spartanburg, field man for the American Guernsey Cattle club; and Mack Allman, North Carolina-South Carolina manager of the Golden Guernsey association.

Dr. Ruffner, whose talk dealt with the importance of raising feeds at home, judged the types of dairy cattle shown. He gave a number of cows from the Slagle herd a grade of "excellent", the highest rating given in dairy cattle judging.

A barbecue dinner was served the guests at noon at the Memorial by E. J. Whitmire and members of the Macon County chapter of the Future Farmers of America, for Mr. Slagle.

Among the prominent Guernsey breeders and dairymen who attended the field day events were Dr. Grady N. Coker, of Canton, Ga., president of the Georgia Guernsey Breeders association; George Salley, of Orangeburg, S. C.; David Kemp, of Hendersonville; Gaden Corpening, of Tryon; G. D. White, manager of the Sky Brook Farms, Hendersonville; Miss Florence Osborne, of Canton; C. L. Rackley, Southern Dairies, manager at Asheville; J. D. Elrod, of Southern Dairies; A. Q. Getner, county agent, Cherokee county; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randolph, of Cleveland, Tenn.; Dr. R. E. Taylor, of Hendersonville; Dr. and Mrs. Horna—Continued on Page Ten

## Will Figure In Dedications



DR. WALTER B. WEST



DR. J. L. STOKES, II



REV. W. JACKSON HUNEYCUTT

## VOTE MERGERS OF 2 SCHOOLS

Board Approves Dropping Gold Mine, Moving Four Allison-Watts Grades

The county board of education, at a called meeting Saturday afternoon, voted to consolidate the one-teacher Gold Mine school with the Higdonville school, and to transfer the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades of the Allison-Watts school to Slagle.

This will reduce the Allison-Watts school from two teachers to one, increase the Slagle school from four teachers to five, and add a fourth teacher to the Higdonville faculty. Both actions were taken upon recommendation of County Supt. G. L. Houk, who suggested the changes after announcing that four teachers recently had resigned: Mrs. Glee G. Noler, former teacher at Slagle, who has been transferred at the last board meeting to Allison-Watts; Mrs. Mary F. Peek, teacher at Mashburns; Mrs. Beatrice M. Alley, Otto; and Miss Iva Dean Roper, Kyle.

Meanwhile, when the schools in the county (with the exception of those in the Highlands district, which will open September 4) opened this (Thursday) morning, Mr. Houk announced that only one teacher vacancy existed—that of public school music teacher at Franklin.

The board and superintendent, at Saturday's meeting, made the following changes in teacher assignment (some of them were changed again by the superintendent, in the course of last-minute shifts):

Mrs. Myrtle F. Keener, who had been assigned to Gold Mine, was transferred to Mashburns in place of her sister, Mrs. Peek. Mrs. Jessie Stewart was added to the Higdonville faculty. Mrs. Lolita Dean, former Kyle teacher who sometime ago was elected to teach in the Franklin district, was assigned as the additional teacher at Slagle. J. J. Talley, former Highlands teacher who, until recently, had not applied for reelection, was named—Continued on Page Ten

## Most Firms

And Public Offices To Close Monday

Most county offices and Franklin stores will be closed Monday in observance of Labor day.

County offices that will close include those of the register of deeds, clerk of court, and welfare and health offices. The Town of Franklin office also will be closed, as well as the post office and the Bank of Franklin.

The county board of commissioners will hold their regular meeting Tuesday instead of Monday, but the county board of education will meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Franklin board of aldermen will meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock as usual.

## PLAN SING

The fifth Sunday singing convention will be held Sunday, starting at 10 a. m., in the courthouse here, according to an announcement by Jim Raby, president. All singers and music lovers are urged to attend.

## 2 Dedicatory Services To Be Held Here Sunday

Plans for the dedication Sunday of recently completed projects at two Macon County Methodist churches were announced this week by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor.

Taking part in the services—at the Franklin Church and at Carson Chapel—will be Dr. Walter B. West, Waynesville district superintendent, and Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, pastor of St. John's Methodist church at Rock Hill, S. C. Dr. Stokes, who was pastor of the two churches when the projects to be dedicated Sunday were begun, will deliver the sermon at each service.

Memorial windows in the Franklin church will be dedicated at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning, and at 3 o'clock that afternoon the dedication service for the Carson Chapel Sunday school building will be held.

The 14 stained glass memorial windows in the Franklin church are to be dedicated at the morning service.

The windows were installed in 1944 as memorial gifts to the church by families of the congregation.

The windows are in memory of the following:

Jesse R. and Harriett D. Siler (the first Franklin church was built by Mr. Siler in 1830); Mary Johnston Allman; T. W. Angel, Sr.; Albert S. and Leona Lyle Bryson; Kenneth R. and Henry W. Cabe, Jr.; the Conley, Cozad and Munday families; Charles and Margaret S. Cunningham; Alfred W. and Louella Barnard Horn; Frederick S. and Anne Allen Johnston; Sallie Estelle Moore; James Edward Perry, Sr.; Thomas W. and Leona Bryson Porter; the Hayes Snyder family; and the ministers of the church.

Presentation of the windows will be by Henry W. Cabe, and the act of dedication will be performed by Dr. West.

These windows were installed in the fourth church building erected on the present site. The present building, with its unusually beautiful sanctuary, is similar in size and design to the one destroyed by fire in 1917, only about seven months after its completion.

## Cunningham Fired On, Robt. Beasley Is Being Sought

Sam Cunningham, of the Otto community, received minor gunshot wounds in the side and hand last Friday while he was traveling on the Middle Creek road in a jeep.

A warrant has been taken for Robert Beasley, also a resident of that section, in connection with the shooting.

Mr. Cunningham, after being shot the first time, jumped into a ditch, and as he was being helped back into the jeep, the assailant fired again, the bullet striking Mr. Cunningham in the finger.

He was brought to Franklin, where Dr. Edgar Angel dressed his wounds, and he was able to drive his car home.

## 22 Out For Football Here; Season Opens September 12

Twenty-two candidates for the Franklin high school football team reported for the first practice Monday. With 12 lettermen returning, W. G. Crawford, under whose direction the men are now drilling, predicted a good season.

One big problem facing Coaches Frank Plyler and Crawford is the job of filling the quarter-back position vacated by the graduation of Howard Horsley, who has capably filled that position for the past two years.

The five-room Sunday school building at Carson Chapel was begun in 1944 and completed the following year.

The improvement program also included the remodeling of the church sanctuary, erection of a church steeple, painting of the exterior, and installation of a steam heating system.

The construction program cost a total of \$5,700.

The improvements were made possible by the labor and the contributions of church members, with some financial assistance received from the Duke endowment and the Methodist Conference-Board of Church extension.

Carson Chapel, situated three miles west of Franklin, was organized as a community church about the turn of the century. The building was erected on a site given by the late W. H. Waldrup, and most of the construction was done while the late Rev. Frank L. Townsend was pastor of the Franklin church.

Since the Carson Chapel church became a part of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church, in 1920, it has been uniquely related to the Franklin church. While it has its own Sunday school, Methodist Youth Fellowship, and Boy Scout troops, it is a part of the Franklin church, in that they have the same boards of stewards and trustees, as well as a single church register.

At the dedication service, Ed Wallace, vice-chairman of the joint board of stewards, will present the Sunday school building for dedication.

## Thad D. Bryson Named Head Of Family Reunion

More than 200 persons attended the Bryson reunion at the Cowee Baptist church Sunday.

The following were elected to serve as officers for the coming year: Thad D. Bryson, Jr., president; Carr Bryson, vice-president; Mrs. R. L. McGaha, secretary; Fred Bryson, historian; and Robert Bryson, treasurer.

## 22 Out For Football Here; Season Opens September 12

Other lettermen of last year's team whose absence will weaken the team are Tommy Welch, Bob Cochran, Kenneth Angel, Keith Warden, and Mac Duncan.

While the season's schedule is not yet complete, it has been announced that the opening game of the season will be with Murphy September 12 at the Franklin ball field.

Mr. Crawford said that he expected to have a 10-game schedule for the season.

## Power Firm's Tax Valuation Raised \$249,099 In Macon

### METERS TO GO IN USE FRIDAY

New Parking Regulations In Business Area To Become Effective

Installation of the 115 parking meters recently bought by the Town of Franklin was being completed Thursday, and Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., announced that the meters will be put in operation tomorrow (Friday) at noon.

The meters have been installed on both sides of Main street, between Duncan Motor company and the post office, and on the west side of Phillips street, between Main and Palmer.

The meters, which operate on a clock arrangement, are so designed that they show a red signal when a motorist is parking beyond the time for which he has made a deposit.

The mechanical heads of the meters will take pennies or nickles. A deposit of one cent in the meter permits parking for 12 minutes; two cents for 24 minutes, etc. Five pennies, or a nickle, may be deposited for an hour's parking, or 10 cents for two hours. Deposits for parking longer than two hours are forbidden, under terms of the ordinance recently adopted by the board of aldermen.

The ordinance also forbids a motorist to park for a longer period than that for which a deposit has been made; to substitute slugs or other metallic devices for coins; or to deface, injure, or tamper with the meters.

The ordinance prescribes a penalty of fine of not to exceed \$50, or 30 days' imprisonment, or both, for violation.

The ordinance also sets forth that the purpose of the installation of parking meters is to assure to the general public free use of the city's streets by regulating and enforcing the privilege of parking and thereby hastening the departure of parked vehicles on these streets and to aid the police in enforcing regulations governing the parking vehicles.

Under terms of the town's contract with the manufacturer, all money collected from the meters goes to the manufacturer, until the installation fee of \$5 per meter has been paid. After that, collections are to be divided equally between the town and the manufacturer, until the meters, priced at \$62.50 each, are paid for. After that, all collections will belong to the town.

## Macon Group

Attending Farm And Home Week Program

A group of macon farm people left Monday to attend the annual Farm and Home week being held in Raleigh this week.

The joint program offered during the week includes addresses by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Thomas J. Pearsall, speaker of the North Carolina house of representatives, Dr. L. D. Bayer, T. B. Hutchinson and specialists from the North Carolina State college and the experiment station.

Those making the trip were Misses Veva and Nina Howard, Dillard Route 1; Nebo Franklin, of Franklin Route 4; Mr. and Mrs. Rafe Teague, of Prentiss; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gray, A. C. Patterson, and Mrs. Effie Hunt, all of Route 2; Robert Parker, of Route 1, John C. Ferguson, of Route 4; and Miss Carolyn Corry, home demonstration agent, and Don Allison, assistant county agent.

The group is expected to return Friday afternoon.

## Stockton Family Will Hold Reunion Sept. 7

The annual Stockton family reunion will be at the Stockton old home place on North Skeeenah Sunday, September 7, it was announced this week by J. H. Stockton, president. All members are urged to attend. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

## Gives County Total Of \$10,767,645 On Tax Books

The tax valuation of Macon County properties of the Nantahala Power and Light company has been increased by a quarter of a million dollars.

The boost in the valuation placed on the power company's holdings in this county give the county a total tax valuation of \$10,767,645.

Valuation increases of approximately three-quarters of a million dollars over last year's total were announced several weeks ago, and the raise in the Nantahala firm's valuation means that Macon County now has on its books property valued for taxes at almost a million dollars more than a year ago—\$999,685 is the exact amount of increase.

Tax valuations of corporations are fixed by the State Board of

## \$15,217 Returned To County, Towns On Intangible Tax

Lake V. Shope, county tax supervisor, has received from the state treasurer \$15,217.86, this county's part of intangible taxes collected in the county.

Of this sum, \$12,306.49 went to the county itself, \$1,961.55 to the Town of Franklin, and \$949.82 to the Town of Highlands.

Intangible taxes, collected by the state, are taxes on bank deposits and similar wealth, 75 per cent of which is returned to the counties and towns in which it is collected.

Assessment in Raleigh, and Lake V. Shope, county tax supervisor, last Saturday was notified by that board that the Nantahala Power and Light company's property in Macon County is now valued for taxation at \$4,121,027, as compared with \$3,871,928. The amount of increase is \$249,099.

The valuation of the power company's holdings in the six Western North Carolina counties in which it operates was increased by a total of about \$600,000, of which \$249,099 is on property within Macon County.

The board also made increases in the valuation of Macon County property of two other corporations.

The Western Carolina Telephone company's valuation was boosted by approximately \$2,000 to \$28,596, and the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company's valuation was raised by about \$1,500 to \$5,108.

The valuation figures for other corporations' property in this county remain unchanged.

While the power company has property in every township in the county with the exception of Flats, all of this year's valuation increase was put on Nantahala township tax books.

That township is the richest in the county, with a total valuation of \$4,121,027.

Franklin township, with \$3,090,640 is second.

## Hillbilly Group To Give Benefit Show Wednesday

Charles Monroe and the "Kentucky Partners" quartet will present a program of string music and hillbilly songs at the Macon county courthouse next Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The program is being sponsored by the Tellico Baptist church, as a benefit for its Sunday school bus fund.

## WILL HOLD REUNION

The Russell family will hold a reunion Sunday, September 7, at the home of John M. Russell, on Nickajack creek, in the Cullasaja community.

## MOOSE TO HOLD PICNIC

The local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose will hold a picnic at Cliffside Lake Sunday. Members of the lodge are invited to bring their families with them.

## Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. Robert C. Brauer last week shipped from this place, with 50 head of cattle and 400 head of sheep.

Messrs D. Reid Parker, director of the Farmers' Institute work, Frank E. Emory, president of A. & M. College of Agriculture, and Dr. Joseph Bird, of Davidson county, conducted an institute meeting here Saturday and Monday. The sessions were lightly attended and our farmers seemed to take little interest in the matter.

Mrs. Rebecca Street, of New Bern, and Miss Florence Enloe, of Dillsboro, are visiting Mr. D. C. Cunningham.

### 25 YEARS AGO

An organization that is destined to do more for the up-building of our town than anything that has ever been attempted was formed last Saturday night in the Boarr of Trade rooms when the Macon County Building and Loan Organization was formed.

Directors chosen for the first year are: Henry Cabe, Gus Leach, Logan Allen, Dr. S. H. Lyle, Gilmer Jones, Jess Conley, Zeb Conley, S. H. Lyle, Jr., John C. Wright, and Frank Williams.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Ten shiny new school busses rolled into Franklin Tuesday night to replace the makeshift contraptions which have been used heretofore.

Seven of the busses will be used by the Franklin school and three have been assigned to Highlands. M. D. Billings, county school superintendent, stated that all drivers would be required to meet in Franklin on Saturday, September 4, to be examined by an official of the State Highway department.