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## 3,775 ENROLLED TO DATE IN 23 MACON SCHOOLS

Total Ahead Of Last Year; 60 Per Cent In Four Schools

Enrollment in Macon County's 23 public schools totaled 3,775 at the end of last week, County Supt. Guy L. Houk announced Tuesday.

The total is approximately 175 greater than this time last year, Mr. Houk said.

The enrollment of 1,164 in the Franklin consolidated school represents 30 per cent, or almost one-third, of the total number of children in school in the county.

The four larger schools—Franklin, Highlands, Cowee, and Otto—have a total enrollment of 2,299, or 60 per cent of the number enrolled in the entire county.

The figures by schools (approximations in one or two instances) follow:

Franklin, 1,164; Highlands, 408; Cowee, 367; Otto, 360; Otter Creek, 218; Slagle, 202; Kyle, 132; Iotla, 129; Union, 107; Higdonville, 106; Pine Grove, 83; Salem, 72; Holly Springs, 61; Watauga, 54; Scaly, 54; Oak Ridge, 41; Clark's Chapel, 38; Burningtown, 36; Oakdale, 32; Mashburn's, 20; Mountain Grove, 17; Allison-Watts, 15; and Chapel (Negro), 81.

Of the 81 enrolled in the Negro school, 77 are elementary and four are high school students.

## Here For His First Visit In 28 Years

Henry C. Shields, of Salem, Oregon is visiting his brother, Charlie Shields, and other relatives in Franklin. This is Mr. Shields' first visit to Franklin in 28 years. Charlie Shields also has had as his guests another brother, Frank Shields, of Miami, Fla., and his sister, Mrs. Sallie Alloway, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

A party consisting of Messrs W. R. Johnston, John Trotter, R. L. Davis, F. L. Siler, E. L. Addington, and Misses Mary and Margie Hood, Ida Bohanon, Nannie Trotter, Beulah Alford, Rev. Jesse W. Siler and family, and Mrs. Mattie Sloan and children left yesterday to storm Highlands for a day or two.

There was a rather novel team from Tesenta in town Saturday. It was composed of two heifers and two young steers and brought a load of locust pins to the pin factory.

Wade Crawford, Lewis Elias, and Miss Isabel Elias left Monday to enter Trinity college.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The fire department answered a hurry call Tuesday morning to the home of Mrs. A. S. Bryson on East Main Street. The ceiling over the kitchen had caught fire from a defective flue, but by prompt work on the part of those in the house at the time, the fire was extinguished before the department reached the scene and what might have been a disastrous fire.

### 10 YEARS AGO

A group of friends entertained at a dinner party at the Tavern, followed by a theatre party Thursday evening, honoring Miss Helen Patton, who resigned from the Franklin high school faculty to teach art in the city schools at Durham. Miss Patton left Saturday for Durham. Those attending were Miss Patton, the honoree, Mrs. Truman Moody, Mrs. Joyce Cagle, Mrs. Lee Guffey, Mrs. Hoyt Williams, Mrs. J. C. Barlington, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, Mrs. Eloise Franks, Mrs. Helen Macon, Miss Jennie Gilliam, Miss Mayberry Moody, Miss Rose Rogers, Miss Nora Moody, Miss Ruth Slagle, Miss Margaret Slagle, Miss Katherine Porter, Miss Frances McNeil, Miss Annie Bailey, Miss Josephine Weaver, and Miss Chandler.



ELLIS D. FYSAL

Mr. Fysal, Red Cross field worker, will conduct a course for instructors in first aid here, starting September 22.

## PLAN CLASSES IN FIRST AID

Red Cross Instructors' Course Will Start September 22

Ellis D. Fysal, former University of North Carolina football star and veteran American Red Cross field worker, will conduct a first aid instructors' course here from September 22 through October 3, under the sponsorship of the local chapter of the Red Cross.

The course will offer 30 hours' instruction in first aid and in accident prevention.

Mr. Fysal, who is well known by a number of persons in this county, has served in the Red Cross since 1927. During World War 2, he spent eight months in Hawaii and Okinawa, training members of the armed forces in water safety and first aid. A graduate of the University of North Carolina with an A. B. degree, he has had a wide variety of experience in giving first aid instruction.

Persons who desire to take the course are asked to contact Mrs. Mary Jo Sloan at the Red Cross office here at the earliest date possible.

Mrs. Sloan said that special plans will be made to take care of groups from organizations or companies which desire to enroll their members or workers for the course. She asked that representatives of any organization desiring to enroll a class notify her so that she can discuss with them the possibility of arranging a special schedule for such group or groups.

## Mrs. Houston

Claimed By Death At Age Of 81; Rites Saturday

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Houston, 81, widow of J. W. Houston, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Lowe, Franklin, Route 3, last Thursday at 7:30 p. m., following a long illness.

Funeral services were held for this Macon County native at the Iotla Baptist church, of which she was a member, at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, with the Rev. Norman E. Holden and the Rev. Arvil Swafford conducting the service. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. W. D. Welch, Mrs. Rebecca Roper, Mrs. Charles Downs, Mrs. Etta Lowe, Mrs. Ellen Holden, and Mrs. John Hughes, all of Franklin, Route 3; two sons, Norman Houston, of Franklin, Route 3, and Graden Houston, of Brevard; four half-brothers, James R. and Will Holbrooks, of Franklin, and Frank and Larken Holbrooks, of Candler; two half-sisters, Mrs. Maggie Henson, of Henderson county, and Mrs. Frank Duckett, of Candler; and 33 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Potts funeral home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

## Dryman Chapel Plans Home Coming Program

The Dryman Chapel Methodist church will hold a home-coming program Sunday. Singing is on the morning program, according to the pastor, the Rev. C. N. Allen, and the fourth quarterly conference will follow the picnic lunch. Dr. Walter B. West, district superintendent, will preside at the conference, which will open at 2:30 o'clock.

## J. H. THOMAS, WIDELY KNOWN CITIZEN, DIES

Funeral For Former Merchant Held Tuesday

John Henry Thomas, 76, died at his home on Iotla street here Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Thomas, who was widely known and respected, had been in poor health since 1937, when he suffered a stroke. He had been confined to his home most of the time for the past six months.

Throughout his life, Mr. Thomas was active in community affairs, and, as a merchant here from 1895 to 1920, became widely known throughout the county. At one time he operated a store on the site of the present S & L 5 and 10 Cent store, while for many years his store, about where Stewart's service station now is, was the rendezvous of school children in early fall, since Mr. Thomas handled school books as well as general merchandise. For a year or two in the early 1920's Mr. Thomas operated a commercial brick kiln where the Franklin airport is now situated.

He served one term as Franklin election registrar.

He was a member of Junaluskee lodge, A. F. and A. M., of the I. O. O. F., and of the Junior Order. In early life, he was a member of the Hickory Knoll and Clark's Chapel Methodist churches, but later transferred his membership to the Franklin church.

Born in Rabun county, Ga., he came to this county at the age of six. In 1895 he married Miss Lily Scroggs, of Rabun county, who survives.

Survivors, in addition to his widow, include three daughters, Mrs. J. D. Chandler, of Franklin, Mrs. G. A. Reynolds, of Long Island, N. Y., and Mrs. W. W. Scott, of New York City; two sons, Jess D. and Harry Thomas, both of Franklin; two sisters, Mrs. George E. Bryson, of the State of Washington, and Mrs. S. C. Watkins, of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two brothers, Meeks and Sam Thomas, both of the State of Washington; and 10 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, with the pastor, the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, conducting the service. Members of the local Masonic lodge were in charge of the graveside rites, at the Franklin cemetery.

The pallbearers, all Masons, were Prelo Dryman, Fred Moore, I. T. Peek, Bill Bryant, Rufus Snyder, and J. B. Pendergrass.

Honorary pallbearers were George Dalrymple, Alex Moore, Walter McConnell, H. H. Mashburn, T. W. Porter, and Claude Calloway.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

## Local Nine Swamps Sylva 12-6 And 14-4

The Franklin baseball club continued its torrid pace and stretched its consecutive winning streak by swamping Sylva in both games of a double-header last Sunday afternoon on the local diamond. The scores were 12-6 in the first game, and 14-4 in the second.

Franklin batters continued their heavy stick by collecting 34 hits in the two games.

Price, regular first sacker for the Franklin club, was on the mound for the first game, with Harley Stewart going the route in the second.

## Otto Manslaughter Hearing Continued

The case of Mrs. Katherine Otto, of Miami, charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with the automobile death of Sheridan Reid, of Highlands, September 1, was continued for 30 days when it came before Magistrate John Moore here Wednesday. The continuance was at the request of counsel for both sides. Young Mr. Reid died as a result of injuries received when automobiles driven by him and Mrs. Otto collided in Highlands.

## Franklin Has Over 2,000 Population, 600 Families, Telephone Survey Shows

In Franklin and its immediate environs are 600 occupied family dwelling units with a population estimated at 2,160, a survey recently made by the Western Telephone company revealed.

Franklin's population in 1940, as shown by the U. S. census, was 1,249; in 1930, it was 1,094.

The telephone company's population total was arrived at on a basis of an estimate of 3.6 persons per family.

The survey was made, R. E. McKelvey, general manager of the telephone company, said, with a view to planning the company's expansion program for the next 10 years. On a basis of the survey, the firm anticipates a 1957 population of 3,200.

The count of dwelling units was made within the town, and

in a few cases extended a short distance—in no instance more than a quarter of a mile—beyond the corporate limits. The survey was made by Mr. McKelvey and W. D. McKee, of Charlotte, Southern Bell specialist in making the telephone surveys.

Assuming that the family that is able to pay a medium or high house rental is the most likely potential telephone subscriber, the survey also included an estimate of the normal rental each of the family dwelling units counted would bring in normal times.

The results were: Sixteen houses or family units that would rent for from \$50 to \$100; 53 that would rent for from \$35 to \$50; 192 for from \$25 to \$35; 216 for from \$15 to \$25; and 128 for less than \$15.

## Blow Car Horns To Drown Preacher's Loudspeaker; Held

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wick were arrested in Highlands September 2 on a charge of disturbing public worship.

The case grew out of their blowing the horns on two automobiles in an alleged effort to drown out an electric amplifying system over which a traveling preacher was preaching, on Highlands' Main street. The Wicks first requested the authorities to stop use of the loudspeaker. When it continued in use, they started their horn-blowing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wick, bound to the December term of superior court, were released on bonds of \$50 each.

The warrant for their arrest was signed by Jim Hicks, of Highlands, and served by Highway Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr.

## Start Check Of Pumps In Town Wells

Work of checking the pumps in Franklin's municipal wells got under way Tuesday.

The board of aldermen, at its meeting last week, decided to have the pumps checked to determine if they are worn or otherwise in poor condition, and not pumping all the water available in the wells.

The Nantahala Power and Light company volunteered to make the checks without charge, and work began at the well near the Nantahala creamery, on West Main street, Tuesday.

In order to check the efficiency of a pump, it was explained, it is necessary to take out the pipe that leads from the surface of the ground to the bottom of the well, as well as the pump, which is installed at the bottom of the well.

Only one pump will be checked at a time, so as not to interfere too seriously with the water supply. Meanwhile, the pump at the creek just west of town will be used to supplement the supply from the two wells that are in operation.

## Barnes Youth Taken By Death At Home In Buck Creek Area

Allen Bunyan Barnes, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Barnes, died at his home in the Buck Creek section last Saturday afternoon. Young Mr. Barnes had been ill for only a brief time.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Buck Creek Baptist church with the Rev. Wiley McCall officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are one brother, Charles H. Barnes, Jr., of Highlands; one sister, Mrs. Elsie May Rice, of Greenwood, S. C.; one half-sister, Mrs. Reda Loftis, of Georgia; one half-brother, Radford Barnes, of Central, S. C.; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bunyan Miller of Highlands.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

## 3 BOY SCOUTS HERE TO GET EAGLE AWARDS

Mothers To Pin Badges On Sons At Honor Court Tonight

Mothers of three Franklin Boy Scouts will pin Eagle Scout badges on their sons at the Smoky Mountain district court of honor, to be held at Slagle Memorial tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock.

The three members of Franklin Troop 1 who will receive the award of Eagle Scout, the highest given in scouting, are Frank L. Henry, III, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Henry, Jr., Charles Thomas, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas, and John Alsup, II, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Alsup.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, past district chairman, will present the badges to the boys' mothers, who, in turn, will pin them on their sons.

This is the second time in the history of scouting in Franklin that three boys have appeared before a court of honor to be given this high rank. Tonight's promotions will bring to 16 the number of boys from the Franklin troop to become Eagle Scouts.

Hugh Monteith, district chairman, will preside, and the honor court will be composed of Scouters from the Smoky Mountain council.

Bobby Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Myers, of Franklin, Route 2, will be awarded the Star Scout badge for having passed successfully nine merit badge tests.

Twelve Franklin scouts will be awarded merit badges. They are: Dan Angel, John Archer, III, Kenneth Carpenter, Allen Cartledge, Mannual Holland, Richard Jones, Burton Leach, Claude McFalls, Russell McKelvey, Jr., Howard Patton, Jack Reese, and Bobby Tysinger.

First class badges will be awarded to Claude McFalls, Kenneth Carpenter, Alvin Stiles, and Howard Patton.

Jack Reece will appear before the examining board for the rank of Star Scout and Burton Leach will be examined for Life Scout.

The public is invited to attend the court of honor, which will be one of the largest, in number and rank of promotions, ever held here.

## Feed

Situation Serious, Agent Warns

The feed situation is becoming more serious each day, S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, warned Wednesday, adding that Macon County farmers face a situation which demands that they produce as much of their feed as possible.

Mr. Mendenhall recommends that farmers: Seed winter oats for grain and hay.

Cut their feed bill for dairy cattle, beef cattle, poultry, and hogs by planting any green crop for grazing.

Cull out and sell all unprofitable animals and poultry.

Feed mills depend on Western corn to make practically all mixed feeds, the county agent pointed out, and the corn crop in the West is considerably smaller than last year. That means that dairy, poultry, and other mixed feeds will be higher and harder to get.

Mr. Mendenhall recommends the Letoria winter oat, since he says it will live through the winters here, if seeded with a drill and at least 400 pounds of highgrade fertilizer per acre is used.

A mixture of two bushels oats, two bushels barley, one bushel of wheat, and 20 pounds of inoculated vetch, cross-seeded with a drill using 400 pounds of high grade fertilizer per acre, will furnish excellent grazing, also an early hay crop, he added.

A mixture of 40 pounds of rye grass and 15 pounds of crimson clover, seeded now, using 400 pounds of high grade fertilizer, will furnish excellent grazing. Rye grass may be obtained through the AAA office.

Rye seeded four bushels per acre, using 400 pounds of high grade fertilizer, will also furnish excellent grazing.

## GRID SEASON OPENS FRIDAY

Franklin Panthers Will Meet Murphy High Here Tomorrow

The local football season will open Friday night when the Franklin Panthers play the Murphy high team here. The game will start at 7:30 p. m.

The tentative line up, subject to change, announced by Coaches Crawford and Plyler is as follows:

LE—Angel, Edgar; LT—Moonsey, Neil; LG—Leopard, Francis; C—Stewart, Harley; RG—Brown, Bill; RT—Welch, Lewis; RE—Moses, Kelley; QB—Henry, Frank L.; RHB—Harmon, Earl; LHB—Mason, "Shorty"; FB—Cabe, Larry.

Both coaches commented that the entire squad would probably see action in this opening game.

Scheduled for the remainder of the season was announced as follows: September 26, Hayesville, here; October 3, Sylva, here; October 10, Bryson City, there; October 17, open; October 24, Robbinsville, here; October 31, Sylva, there; November 7, Cornelia, there; November 14, open; November 21, Andrews, there; and November 27, Clarkesville, here.

## P. T. A.

To Hear Houk, Finley At Meet Monday

Guy L. Houk, county superintendent of schools, and W. H. Finley, principal of the Franklin school, will make talks at the meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

The theme of the meeting, the first of the 1947-48 school year, will be "Why You Are Needed in P. T. A."

Mrs. Weimar Jones, association president, will appoint chairmen of standing committees for the year, and delegates will be chosen to the district P. T. A. conference to be held in Sylva September 25.

Following the program, a tea will be held, honoring the teachers.

## 150 Attend

District Lions Dinner And Dance

More than 150 Lions and Lionesses from the Franklin, Bryson City and Sylva clubs gathered at Arrowood Glade Monday night to enjoy a barbecue supper, with the Franklin club as hosts.

Following the supper, a dance was held at the Slagle memorial building in honor of the visiting Lions and their wives.

The next district meeting will be held at Bryson City, it was announced by President R. R. Gaines of the Franklin club.

## ATTENDING MEET

Carl Tysinger, chief, and Reid Womack, a member, of the Franklin Fire department are among the approximately 600 firemen attending the 60th convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's association, which opened Monday at Atlantic Beach. They are expected to return to Franklin Thursday.