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## OPEN RED CROSS FIRST AID CLASS

Nine Are Being Trained As Instructors In 2-Week Course

Nine persons made application to take the Red Cross instructors' first aid course, which began Monday night under the direction of Ellis D. Fysal, regional field representative for the American Red Cross.

The purpose of the course, which is being sponsored by the local Red Cross, is to qualify instructors in first aid, who will in turn teach first aid throughout the community, according to Mrs. Mary Jo Sloan, executive secretary of the local chapter.

Those taking the course are Miss Anne Ray, W. G. Crawford, Bob Sloan, Eb Bullock, Gordon Moore, Carl Tysinger, Bill Swan, Mac Whitaker, and Bill Blaine.

Mr. Fysal in discussing the course, said the general purposes of first aid are being covered in the lectures. He listed these as the prevention of accidents by making people safety conscious, training people to do the right thing at the right time, prevention of added injury or danger, and ways to provide proper transportation, if it is necessary.

Classes will be held Monday through Friday for the next two weeks at the Slagle memorial building from 7:00 p. m. until 10 p. m. Anyone who is interested in first aid is invited to attend the classes.

## Mrs. Vanhook's

Funeral Conducted At Clark's Chapel

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Martha Vanhook Monday at 11 a. m. at the Clark's Chapel Methodist church.

Mrs. Vanhook died at the age of 69 at her home in the Prentiss community, Saturday afternoon, following an illness of six months.

Services were conducted by the Rev. D. P. Grant, the Rev. V. N. Allen, and the Rev. V. C. Ramey. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ned Dowdle, J. D. Dowdle, Russell Vanhook, Sam Bryson, John Bryson and Ray Bryson.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. John T. Bryson of Cullasaja; two daughters, Mrs. Van Deaver of Canton and Miss Kate Vanhook of Prentiss; two sons, Harve and Lex Vanhook of Prentiss; eight brothers, William, Charles B., Sam, and J. E. Bryson of Cullasaja; J. B. Bryson of Whittier, T. M. Bryson of Raleigh, George E. Bryson of Sedro Woolley, Wash., and Joe Bryson of Terrebonne, Ore.

Arrangements were handled by the Bryant funeral home.

## Pipe Organ

For First Baptist Church Is En Route Here

The electric pipe organ recently bought by the First Baptist church has been shipped from Pittsburgh, and is expected here this week.

The organ, a Wurlitzer, cost approximately \$3,700.

It will be installed as soon as possible after its arrival, church officials said.

Veteran Accidentally Fires Gun, Wounds Self

Frank Solesbee, 24-year old World War II veteran, was wounded in the left side when a pistol he was cleaning was accidentally discharged last Wednesday night. The gun, which belonged to Solesbee, was a .25 calibre German automatic, which he had brought home as a war souvenir. Following the incident, which occurred in the victim's apartment in the McCoy building, he was admitted to Angel hospital the same night, and discharged Friday.

Plan Communion Service At St. Agnes On Monday

A celebration of the Holy Communion will be held at St. Agnes Episcopal church on St. Michael and All Angels Day, Monday, September 29, at 7:30 a. m.

J. Lee Barnard, Sr., is seriously ill at his home on the Murphy road.

12 Business Lots Bring Total Of \$12,450 At Sale

The dozen business lots just east of the post office, sold at auction last Friday, brought a total of \$12,450, it was announced after the sale.

The lots, facing on Main street, Palmer street, and Patton avenue—a new street cut between Main and Palmer—brought an average of slightly more than \$45 per front foot, the highest price having been \$130 a foot for one of the four Main street lots, R. A. Patton, of the Home Realty and Auction company, said.

The real estate, property of Woodrow Reeves, was sold to seven different bidders.

## Cunningham Is Freed In Lynch Case

Joe Cunningham, former Macon county resident, was released last Wednesday after a Warren county grand jury failed to find a true bill of indictment against Cunningham and A. W. Edwards, elderly jailer, who had been held in connection with the abduction of Godwin (Buddy) Bush, 22-year old Negro, from the jail at Jackson.

Governor R. Gregg Cherry, who interested himself in the case six weeks ago when a Northampton county grand jury failed to return true bills, declared that the case would remain open. In a statement issued shortly after he learned of the action of the Warren county grand jury, Governor Cherry said "... we know that a crime was committed by forcibly taking a prisoner from a lawful jail. Until the persons who committed this offense are brought before a trial jury, the case can never be closed."

The same Northampton county jury which failed to bring charges against Cunningham and six others also returned not a true bill in the case in which Bush was charged with rape.

## Plan Auction

Sale Of Used Articles For Cemetery Fund

Plans for an auction sale Saturday, October 11, of second-hand articles of all kinds, as a benefit for the fund being raised to clean up the cemetery at the Franklin Methodist church, were announced this week.

The cemetery, since it is one of the oldest in this part of the country, is a spot of great historical value—the graves of Negro slaves, as well as many Macon County men killed in the Civil War are there. And there probably are persons in every state in the Union who have kin buried there; few of the older families in this county, of whatever denomination, but are represented among the dead in the old churchyard.

Persons throughout the county who have useful, but unused, articles of furniture, farm utensils, clothing, or anything else of real value are asked to contribute such items for the sale. Canned fruit, also, will be acceptable, it was said.

The sale will be held at Roy Cunningham's warehouse, next to his store, the use of which he has donated. There articles contributed will be under lock and key until time for the sale.

Persons who will contribute things to be sold are asked to bring them to Mr. Cunningham's warehouse. Those who are unable to bring them are requested to write or telephone Mrs. Reby S. Tessier. Persons who wish to make cash contributions to the fund are requested to forward checks to Miss Harriette Kinnebrew.

The cemetery project, on which considerable progress already has been made, is under the direction of Glimmer A. Jones, who is giving his time.

The program calls for provision, in the budget of the church, for the cemetery's upkeep in future.

## MRS. BLAINE IMPROVING

Mrs. W. J. Blaine, who was seriously injured in a motor bike accident two weeks ago, has sufficiently recovered to return to her home from the hospital.

## Food 20 Per Cent Cheaper Here Than In U. S. Cities

Food prices in Franklin are appreciably lower than in major U. S. cities, with the greatest difference showing up in the cost of meats.

This is shown by a comparison of price figures gathered in an Associated Press survey last week in 13 key cities, with those in effect here on the same date.

Detailed studies of eight items—eggs, bread, milk, bacon, pork chops, round steak, butter, and canned tomatoes (No. 2 can)—revealed that seven of these eight items are cheaper here, with Franklin buyers getting their food for 20 per cent less, on the average, than city consumers.

Among the eight items, the one exception is milk, which retails in Franklin stores for 21 cents per quart, while the AP survey average is 20 cents, with prices ranging from 17 cents in Denver and Minneapolis to 22 cents in Atlanta.

While Franklin housewives undoubtedly complain about the high cost of meat, it is here that they have the greatest advantage over their city sisters. Round steak, on the survey date, retailed locally for an average of 60 cents per pound and pork chops retailed at the local markets for 69 cents. In the

cities surveyed, round steak prices ranged from 79 to 99 cents per pound, with the average price being 88 cents, and pork chops ranged from 69 to 93 cents, the price average being 80 cents. And city persons who like bacon paid an average of 84 cents for it, as compared with 79 cents here.

There was one cent difference in the price of a loaf of bread, local merchants charged 13 cents, as compared with a city average of 14 cents.

Local consumers also are better off than city buyers in when they need butter and eggs. By buying country butter, Franklin consumers could save as much as 40 cents per pound, since local country butter was selling for 50 cents, as compared with 90 cents per pound for creamery butter—usually the only kind obtainable in cities—in the cities surveyed. Creamery butter, however, sells locally for 83 cents.

The survey showed an average price of 74 cents for eggs, as compared with 63 cents per dozen here.

There was a two-cent difference in the price of No. 2 cans of tomatoes, the Franklin average being 14 cents and that in the cities, 16.

## Two Foreign Countries Represented At Forest Fire School Held Here

Representatives from two foreign countries, three national forests, and three states were among the 47 persons who gathered at Wilson Lick for the three-day fire school conducted this week by officials of the Nantahala National forest.

A. W. Lyon, of Santiago, Chile, and Julius L. Haubam, representative of the department of agriculture for the state of Rio Grande do Sul, in Brazil, both of whom are in this area to study forestry methods used in the Nantahala National forest, were among the interested participants in the fire school.

The meeting opened Monday morning with a talk by H. C. Eriksson, assistant supervisor of the Nantahala National forest, who was in active charge of the school, giving the objectives of the three-day training program.

Practically every phase of the fire fighting problem was covered in the three days of intensive lectures and demonstrations.

Veterans of many fire seasons, such as Rangers John Wasilik and George Anderson and Forrester W. L. Nothstein, made informative talks and demonstrations concerning the latest methods and equipment used in fire fighting.

Particular stress was placed on the value of power pumps in mopping up operations on the fire line. Part of Tuesday morning's program was taken up by a demonstration of a pump of this type. The pump, an Edwards model, which may be carried by one man, is capable of pumping more than 40 gallons per minute, and will throw a sizable stream of water more

than 200 feet vertically. Ranger Anderson, of the Cherokee National forest, who conducted the demonstrations on the use of such pumps, pointed out that many dollars of taxpayers' money can be saved by the use of this equipment where water is available. Every ranger station is provided with this equipment.

For those who spent the nights "on the Bald" musical entertainment and movies were provided in the evenings.

Those in attendance, in addition to the foreign visitors, were: Harley Martin, of Hayesville, Victor Denton, of Robbinsville, J. L. Goodman, of Robbinsville, and Roscoe Spivey, of Franklin, Wayne Ayers, of Robbinsville, and Charles Pettit, of Sylva, of the N. C. State forest service; John W. Robinson, of Asheville, of the TVA; and the following from the U. S. forest service:

W. H. Fischer, J. W. Cooper, Gaylord Knight, and William Fox, of Atlanta; H. C. Eriksson, W. L. Nothstein, W. L. Lane, R. E. Lee, John Wasilik, E. W. Shope, W. R. Gibson, Allan Brooks, Charles Salmon, Grady Waldrop, A. R. Kinney, and George Scott, of Franklin; John J. Olson and Elbert C. Wilkey, of Andrews; R. C. Radford, L. C. Loudermilk, Mack L. Gee, and George Anderson, of Murphy; R. E. Breidlove, of Needmore; Harve Rose, of Unaka; B. H. Phillips, of Hayesville; Thomas Pilkey, of Stecoah, Hills Clark and Eckel Rowland, of Aquone; Max Ladd and Harold Long, of Marble; James Waldrop, of Prentiss; G. F. Grimshawe, of Sapphire; Lester P. Schapp, of Walhalla, S. C.; and R. C. Nicholson, of Clayton, Ga.

## Macon Youth Enrolled In Widely Scattered Schools

Dozens of young men and women from Macon County this month entered colleges in this and a number of other states.

For many, it is a return to school after the summer vacation, but a number are just beginning their college work. A considerable proportion of those taking advanced education are veterans who are taking advantage of the G. I. Bill of Rights educational provision.

Among those at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are Miss Merrily Brooks, Miss Frances Furr, Miss Barbara Stockton, James L. Huggins, Clell Bryant, Rufus Pannell, T. W. Angel, III, and Lewis Patton.

Attending N. C. State college at Raleigh are Tom Setser, Hayes Gregory, Andrew Patton, and Bill Cochran.

Miss Annie Sue Conley and Miss Maxine Dean are among those at Meredith college, Raleigh.

At Woman's college of the University, Greensboro, are Misses Louise Pendergrass, Betty Callahan, and Carolyn Long.

Miss Iva Dell Norton, Bill Gregory, Frank Murray, Jr., John Gibson Murray, Jack Angel, and Dick Angel are attending Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee.

Keith Gregory is at the University of Nebraska, Howard Horsley at Wake Forest college; Miss Elizabeth Wasilik at the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Miss Dorothy Ray at Columbia University, New York; Miss Dorothy Morrison at New York university, and John Wasilik, III, has an assistantship at Catholic university, Washington, D. C., where he is studying for his M. A. degree.

Miss Ruth West, of West's Mill, is enrolled at Converse college, Spartanburg, S. C.

Falling Tree Jams Auto Horn At 2 a. m. In Highlands Area

The talking typewriter appears to have an equal in the talking automobile, especially an automobile in distress, as shown when residents in the Satulah mountain section, near Highlands, were awakened about 2 o'clock Sunday morning by the incessant blowing of an automobile horn.

On investigating, W. H. Cobb and Craig Crafton found that the big tree in the corner of the lot at Mrs. Shorter Rankin's summer home had toppled over, apparently without wind or warning, snapped power and telephone lines, and crashed through the roof of the garage, smashing the car top and jamming the horn.

## Aid To Blind 'White Cane' Drive's Aim

The "White Cane" sale and membership enrollment drive is in progress this week, according to R. R. Gaines, president of the Franklin Lions club. The purpose of the drive is to raise funds for the Lions' program of aid to the blind and conservation of sight, Mr. Gaines explained. Features of the sight conservation program are free examinations, eye glasses and eye operations for underprivileged children.

He added that one-third of all money raised will be spent in Macon County.

The North Carolina State Association for the Blind, which was created by the Lions club of the state, has annually sponsored this sale of "white canes", with the proceeds being used to promote the work.

Clyde Gailey is serving as local chairman of the "white cane" sale and membership enrollment, announced that Lions club members, assisted by Lionesses and local friends of the blind, will conduct an active drive here through this week. Buttons will be sold directly to the general public for nominal contributions; there is no limit to the amount that may be contributed, from 10 cents up. In addition to the sale of "white cane" buttons, memberships in the state association for an annual fee of \$1 will be sought.

Any person desiring to contribute to this cause may do so through any member of the Franklin Lions club.

## YOUTH DROWNS IN RIVER HERE

Wade Holland, 17-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerma Holland, of Franklin, was drowned in the Little Tennessee river last Friday afternoon about 6 p. m.

The incident occurred when young Holland, accompanied by Bernard Dills and Dover Miller, decided to go swimming in the river at a point just below the home of Wiley Elliot.

Dills and Miller warned Holland that the water was deep there, but he told them he could swim a little. He entered the water, and when he reached a point where it was about 15 feet in depth, he was seen to struggle. Although they made several efforts, his companions were unable to bring the boy to shore.

The body remained in the water for nearly an hour before being brought to shore. Artificial respiration failed to revive him.

Funeral services were held at the Buck Creek Baptist church Monday at 11 a. m., with the Rev. Frank Reid officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were D. M. Rogers, Luther Rogers, Stanley Tilson, Glenn Tilson, Rass Wood, and Dan Houston.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Bryant funeral home.

## LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion auxiliary will meet next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Joe Setser. All members are urged to be present, since this is the first meeting of the auxiliary's new year.

## WHITE CROSSES, BOARD REMOVED

Plans For Permanent War Memorial Will Be Discussed

The small white memorial crosses and the honor roll board, which have stood on Rankin Square for several years, have recently been removed by the organizations under whose sponsorship they were erected.

The memorial crosses were first used by the American Legion Auxiliary on Memorial day, 1940, in a service commemorating those who gave their lives in World War I. They were used in successive Memorial Day services until January 1, 1944 at which time the Franklin Lions club sponsored the erection of an honor roll board which carried the names of the men serving in World War II. The board was erected by a committee composed of Ernest Hyde and Mac Whitaker. At this time the auxiliary had new crosses made in memory of the deceased of World Wars I and II and erected them in front of the honor roll board creating a miniature cemetery. This memorial plot has been maintained by the ladies of the auxiliary and members and friends of the families of those in whose memory the crosses were erected.

The project as a whole has received a great deal of favorable comment from local people and visitors alike.

Both the crosses and the board were made of wood and deterioration of the material was cited as the cause of their being removed.

Plans for replacing the crosses with a permanent memorial of some type will be discussed at the auxiliary meeting Tuesday night and a committee from the Lions club is considering the erection of a plaque of some type to replace the board.

Members of the families of those for whom crosses were erected are urged to contact members of the Auxiliary if they have any suggestions concerning their replacement with a more permanent memorial, according to Mrs. A. R. Higdon, chairman of the Auxiliary cross committee. Mrs. Higdon has served on this committee since its beginning seven years ago and she made the first crosses in 1940. The late Mrs. J. C. Barrington was the other member of the original committee.

Mrs. Higdon, in discussing the crosses, said that she wished to announce that the potted plants and vases which were on the square when the crosses were taken up are now stored in the Veterans office in the courthouse and that they will be kept there for 30 days to give owners an opportunity to pick them up.

Mrs. Higdon added that she wished to thank Mr. and Mrs. Lon Dalton for the many hours of work they have done through the years in helping to keep the plot cleaned off and the crosses repaired. Ben Harrison for making and painting the crosses, A. R. Higdon for furnishing the material, and Kay Montague and Charlie Mashburn for helping with the care of the plot.

At present the crosses are stored in the warehouse of the Franklin Hardware company.

## Milk Price

Here To Be Boosted To 21 Cents

The retail price of milk here will be increased from 20 to 21 cents per quart, effective October 1, it was announced this week by the Addington Dairy farm and the Nantahala Creamery company.

The increase was made necessary, it was explained, by the rising cost of feeds.

The Nantahala Creamery company, which buys considerable milk from farmers, wholesale, increased the price paid to producers by 30 cents per 100 pounds September 1, due to the farmers' increased cost of production, officials explained.

Miss Barr To Be Here, Give Handicraft Work

Miss Frances Barr, of Charlotte, will be here this winter with her uncle, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, working in the old Nonah section of Cartoogechay. Her work will be especially with handicrafts.