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## 5.61 INCHES OF RAIN FALLS IN 12-DAY PERIOD

Amount More Than Double Total For Previous Six Weeks

"When it rains, it pours" has certainly been true of the last half of October.

For six weeks ending October 15, only 2.71 inches of rainfall was recorded by Mrs. Joe Setser, TVA weather observer, who lives in the Cartoogechay community. But, starting October 16, the rains came, and between the sixteenth and twenty-eighth of this month, nearly six inches of rain was recorded by Mrs. Setser—more than twice as much as for the previous six weeks.

The exact amount, as reported to the TVA, was 5.61 inches of precipitation.

October has been unusually warm, colder weather having been felt here in September than at any time during this month.

Mrs. Setser, who explained that her thermometer is not official, since the readings she makes for TVA deal exclusively with precipitation, said the lowest mercury reading she has made this month was yesterday (Wednesday) morning's low of 40 degrees. September 28 the thermometer dropped to 32.

## Stuermer Will Hold Services At Morrison

The Rev. Harris Stuermer, ministerial student at the Toccoa Falls Bible college, was elected last Sunday as general superintendent of the Morrison Presbyterian church. Plans have recently been made to conduct services there each Sunday afternoon. Marion and Newman Thomas, also students at Toccoa Falls Bible college, will assist Mr. Stuermer in the services.

## OPENINGS IN AIR FORCE

T. Sgt. James R. Dance, of the Franklin sub-station of the army and air force recruiting service, announced this week that there are a large number of open assignments with the Ninth Air Force at the air base, Greenville, S. C., Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C., and Langley Field, Va.

## Do You Remember ...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Sam L. Rogers has been busy considering what business to engage in since he left the Collector's office and Monday he seemed to have settled down upon it. He had a bootblack kit made and is now ready to give you a shine for a nickel.

### 25 YEARS AGO

On Wednesday, November 1, Franklin had what was probably the largest and by all means the best exhibition of live stock ever held in Macon County when the Pig Club contest of the Macon County Improvement club ended with the exhibition of all pigs entered in the contest. First prize in this contest was won by George Slagle, Jr., whose pig had gained 279 1/2 pounds, the prize being a purebred Berkshire given by D. Robert Davis, while the second prize of a pure Duroc pig, given by A. B. Slagle, was won by Weyman Crawford, whose pig had gained 366 pounds. Cash prizes were won by George Campbell, Hattie Lee Cabe, and Margaret Cozad, whose hogs had gained 363, 362 1/2, and 362 lbs., respectively.

### 10 YEARS AGO

A meeting of parents and teachers of the Franklin and county schools will be held on Friday afternoon, November 5, at 3 o'clock at the courthouse for the purpose of organizing Parent-Teachers association in the schools in the county that do not have the benefit of this state-wide and national organization. Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, retiring state director of District No. 1 of Waynesville, upon an invitation extended several weeks ago, will come to Franklin to address the meeting.

## 2 Macon Families To Bury Their War Dead, Brought From Pacific, This Week

Two Macon County families this week will attend burial services for their war dead sons as the young men's bodies, brought back from the Pacific, are laid to rest in national cemeteries in this country.

Cpl. Harold T. Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Sloan, of Franklin, will be buried in the national cemetery at Raleigh, following a service set for 10 a. m. Friday.

Wesley Edward Echols, coxswain in the navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Echols, of Franklin, Route 2, will be buried with appropriate services in the national cemetery at Marietta, Ga., Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Meanwhile, the USS Joseph V. Connolly, bringing back American war dead from Henri Chappelle cemetery at Euden, Belgium, is bearing home the bodies of two other Macon county youths—Joseph Dills, son of Wesley Dills, of Nantahala, and Gay G. Yonce, of Nantahala, husband of Mrs. Eida M.

Yonce, whose home is Franklin, Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan and their son, Richard, will leave today (Thursday) for Raleigh, where they will be met by their daughter, Miss Dorothy Sloan, of Richmond, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Echols and their son and daughter, Leonard and Agnes, left Wednesday for Marietta.

Cpl. Sloan, who was serving in the air transport command, was killed in the Asiatic theater October 29, 1944, only a few weeks after going overseas. A graduate of the Franklin High school and Brevard college, he was a student at the University of North Carolina when he entered the service in 1942.

Coxswain Echols was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. He had joined the navy in January, 1940. A native of Georgia, he was a graduate of the Lexington (Ga.) High school. His parents, who moved to Macon County about three years ago, operate the old Morrison school as a tourist home.

## Forest Head Flies To Maine To Help Fight Forest Fires

E. W. Renshaw, supervisor of the Nantahala National forest, left last Friday for Maine, where he was summoned to aid in fighting the forest fires that swept large areas of that state last week.

Mr. Renshaw went by automobile to Atlanta, where he and a group of other foresters assembled from the Southern states, were picked up by an army bomber and flown to the scene of the disaster.

The local supervisor was chosen for the assignment, it was understood, because of his familiarity with the territory where the fires raged and because of wide experience in large-scale fire fighting in the West.

Mr. Renshaw yesterday had not returned to Franklin, and it was not known when he would be back.

## Rites Held Monday For C. N. Angel

Charles N. Angel, 59, World War I veteran and member of the Franklin American Legion post, was buried Monday afternoon at Bethel Methodist church cemetery, following a service in the church.

His death had come unexpectedly when he suffered a heart attack last Saturday afternoon. The Rev. D. P. Grant conducted the funeral services and members of the Franklin Legion post assisted in giving Mr. Angel a military burial.

Pallbearers were Paul Nave, Harold Enloe, Bob Porter, Erwin Patton, Arvil Parker, and Owen Ammons, all Legionnaires. Honorary pallbearers were Lon Dalton, Jess Thomas, Tom Moss, Frank Reece, Tom Bryson, Boyce Hall, J. E. Jennings, and Frank Cabe, all comrades of Mr. Angel in the first World War.

Paul Plemmons served as bugler and sounded "Taps" at the graveside.

Mr. Angel, a farmer of the Cullasaja section, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillie McConnell Angel; four sisters, Mrs. J. T. Jennings, Mrs. Mattie Davis, and Mrs. Mamie Howell, all of Franklin, and Mrs. Frank Wooten, of Cullasaja; and three brothers, Frank Angel, of Cullasaja, Dave Angel, of Franklin, and Robert Angel, of Outhbert, Ga.

Arrangements were under the direction of Potts funeral home.

## Ministers' Conference Headed By Dr. Carter

At the Western North Carolina Baptist Preachers' conference, held in Bryson City Monday of last week, Dr. Thom Carter, pastor of the Highlands Baptist church, was elected president, and the Rev. Charles E. Parker, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, was elected secretary-treasurer.

## LEGION TO PLAN MILITARY RITES

Post Offers Assistance To Families Of Dead Brought To Macon

Plans for the holding of military funerals for the Macon County boys who will be brought home during the next year will be discussed at Saturday night's meeting of the local American Legion post, according to an announcement by Paul Nave, post commander.

The Franklin Legion post wishes to offer its services in assisting in the burial arrangements of any of the returning boys, Commander Nave said. He asked that any families who desire military funerals or other assistance get in touch with some local Legion member.

He also urged all members, both World War I and World War II veterans, to be present Saturday night, as the cooperation of the entire post will be necessary to handle the details involved in these funerals. The meeting will begin at 8 p. m.

## Child Is Burned When Dripolator Handle Comes Off

Sue Crawford, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Crawford of the Rabbit Creek section, suffered severe burns on the right shoulder, arm and face last Sunday morning. The incident occurred when the handle of a dripolator, which the child's mother was carrying, came off, causing the scalding water to spill from the pot on the child, who was standing nearby.

Mr. Crawford brought the child to Angel hospital as quickly as possible where she received treatment. She has returned home and Wednesday members of the family said her condition was satisfactory.

## Panthers, Playing In Mud, Beat Robbinsville 38 To 0

Playing in a sea of mud, the Franklin Panthers proved themselves quite capable in amphibious operations Friday night when they defeated the Robbinsville eleven, 38 to 0.

Led by the strong Franklin forward wall, with Mooney and Moses as standouts, the Panthers smothered the Robbinsville running attack, and gave the passers little opportunity to start an aerial game. The local eleven scored 25 points in the first half, with Capt. Larry Cabe making 19 of these points.

The first score of the game came on an unusual play when Cabe kicked off for Franklin. The ball traveled 50 yards through the air, landing on the Robbinsville 10 yard stripe where it was touched by a Robbinsville player before rolling into the end zone. Then Cabe fell on the ball to score an unassisted touchdown. Three more touchdowns were

## DOWDLE FIRM'S SAFE FORCED OPEN, RIFLED

\$200, Gun And Keepsakes Taken; Safe Wrecked; Seek Fingerprints

The safe of the Dowdle Wholesale company was broken open sometime during Tuesday night and an estimated \$200 in cash taken.

The robbery was discovered by C. N. (Joe) Dowdle when he opened the wholesale place for business Wednesday morning. An open rear window indicated entrance was gained there.

Pritchard Smith, Jr., highway patrolman, said the robbers apparently peeled the tin off the front of the safe door, and then used an augur to drill all the way around and thus get into the safe. It is estimated that the task took three or four hours.

Part of the tin has been sent to Washington, D. C., in the hope that it will reveal fingerprints that can be identified.

Missing, in addition to the firm's cash, were several keepsakes—an old "blanket" \$10 bill, two ten-dollar gold pieces; also a P-38 pistol and two fountain pens.

It is believed that the robbers were two men who stopped at Mrs. J. B. Henry's tourist cabins about 4 a. m. Wednesday. Mrs. Henry said two men awakened her and asked for a cabin. She directed them to one, without getting up. At noon today it was discovered that the persons who took the cabin were gone, and that the beds had not been used. In the stove was a piece of candy of the same kind as one that was missing from a drawer at the Dowdle Wholesale.

## Library

Puts Many New Books On Its Shelves

A number of books recently have been placed on the shelves of the Franklin Public Library. The following is the list of the new books, according to Mrs. Nobia G. Murray, librarian:

"Speaking Frankly", Byrnes; "Wild Grape", Hewlett; "Report on the Germans", White; "Kathish", Frolov; "Stars in My Crown", Brown; "Julie", Babcock; "Clarkton", Howard Fast; "Laughing House"; "Warwick Deeping"; "Victory", McHough; "Bright Promise", Sherman; "The Missionary", Cornelia Spencer; "Came a Cavalier", Frances Parkinson Keyes; "Garretson Chronicle", Brace; "Colorado", Louis Bromfield; "Great Tide", Hall; "Dirty Eddie", Ludwig Bemelmans; "John Barry", Bedford; "Moon over the Back Fence", Carlson; "Bishop's Mantle", Turnbull; "Way of Life", Gibbs; "Brutal Question", Bayer; "Marriage Is For Two", Arthur; "Great Light", Barretto; "Swamp Willow", Edwina Eloy; and "We'll Sing One Song", Carruthers.

In addition, a number of reference and other juvenile volumes have been shelved.

The Cub Scouts will meet Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Slagle Memorial building.



REV. J. H. BRENDALL, JR.

Mr. Brendall, the new pastor of the Franklin and Carson Chapel Methodist churches, started his pastorate here last Sunday.

## DUTIES ASSUMED BY NEW PASTOR

Brendall Will Preach At Carson Sunday; Active In Civic Work

The Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., recently assigned to the pastorate of the Franklin and Carson's Chapel Methodist churches, arrived last week and held the first service at the Franklin church at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning.

He will hold his first service at Carson's Chapel at 10 a. m. next Sunday, and will preach there at that hour on the first and third Sundays of each month hereafter.

Following a conference of Mr. Brendall and the Rev. Hoyt Evans, Presbyterian pastor, it was announced that the Methodist-Presbyterian evening union services will be continued, and Mr. Brendall will be the speaker at next Sunday night's service, to be held at the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Brendall, who succeeds the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, comes to Franklin from Central Methodist church in Albemarle, a pastorate he held for five years. He has been a member of the Western North Carolina conference—of which his late father, a native of Macon County, also was a member—for more than 20 years. Pastorates he has held included one at Randleman, where he served for five years, and one at Ardmore church in Winston-Salem, of which he was pastor four years. At Boone and Brevard he served college churches.

The new Franklin minister is a Mason, and at Albemarle was a member of the Lions club, chaplain of the American Legion post, president of the Stanley County Ministers association, and district chairman of the Boy Scouts of America. He has been especially active in the various phases of Scout work.

He is a graduate of Duke university and obtained his bachelor degree from Emory university, Atlanta.

Mr. Brendall has no family, his wife having died about eight months ago. He is living at the parsonage, and taking his meals out.

## Franks

Radio Moving Into New Palmer Street Home

The Franks Radio and Electric company this week is moving into its new home, now being pushed to completion, on the south side of Palmer street, between Cagle's cafe and the Palmer street-Georgia road intersection.

The three-story structure, begun about three months ago, is 24 by 41 feet, and is built of concrete blocks, with plaster as the interior finish.

On the street-level floor are the sales room, office, service room, and Mrs. Franks' sewing specialties department. On the lower floor an apartment of five rooms and bath is being constructed, and the basement will be used for storage and modern screen room for automobile radio work.

An F. M. radio tower is planned atop the building, for demonstration purposes and better service on FM sets.

The storeroom in the McCoy building basement being vacated by the radio firm will be occupied by Lawson Shook's furniture business.

## PLAN ADOPTED BY LIONS CLUB FOR PARK HERE

Tennis And Volleyball Courts, Playground Are Proposed

A tentative plan for the development of a recreation area on the county lot, situated on Main street between Dryman's and Blaine's stores, was adopted by the Lions club at its meeting Monday night.

The Lions some months ago decided to sponsor such a project, and objected the permission of the board of county commissioners to use the lot until it is needed by the county.

The park is to contain tennis courts, volleyball court, a playground for smaller children, and benches for visitors and residents who wish to rest there. The detailed plan, which was drawn by George Patton, N. C. State college student, calls for the area to be terraced and landscaped.

Mr. Patton, in a letter accompanying his drawing, made the following comments concerning the plan he submitted:

"I have shown terraces because I think they are the best way of getting enough level area without piling too much dirt at the lower side next to the sidewalk. A high bank next to the sidewalk would, in my opinion, be undesirable; because it would prevent the playground, an asset to the town, from being seen from Main street. By using two terraces, as shown in the plan, the grading can be accomplished. I think the terraces, one at the top and one at the bottom of the tennis courts, built all the way across the lot, should be stabilized in some way. A sod bank on a playground would be a constant maintenance problem, so I have shown a hedge row of winter jessamine on slopes of the terrace to prevent erosion and keep the children off the terraces."

After adopting Mr. Patton's plan, on the suggestion of Lion B. L. McGlamery, it was decided to hold a rummage sale Saturday, November 18, with the entire proceeds to go to the development of the playground.

Any persons who wish to contribute to the recreation area development by contributing items for the sale are asked to either notify some member of the Franklin Lions club to call for the items or bring the articles to Burrell Motor company. Robert R. Gaines, club president, urged that everyone who has items which they no longer need to contribute them, as "the more money raised, the better the playground."

## Osborne Wood Dies, Aged 80; Rites Monday

Osborne S. Wood, 80, died at his home on Palmer street Sunday afternoon, following an illness of five weeks. Mr. Wood, who had spent most of his life in Macon County, was well known throughout the community as a farmer and construction worker.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Franklin Baptist church with the Rev. Charles E. Parker and the Rev. J. I. Vinson officiating. Burial followed in the Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were Henry W. Cabe, Frank Henry, Sr., W. D. Gunnin, James Palmer, T. W. Angel, Jr., and Fred Cabe.

Surviving are his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Earl Henson and Mrs. J. L. Henson, of Franklin, and Mrs. C. B. Stockton, of Clayton, Ga.; one son, Lee Wood, of Franklin; two sisters, Mrs. Mack McCall of Franklin, and Mrs. Letitia Crisp of Cullasaja; and one brother, Bud Wood, of West's Mill.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

## SPONSOR SHOW

The sixth grade of the Franklin school will sponsor the appearance here Saturday of the Smoky Mountaineers. The benefit performance will be given at the courthouse at 8 p. m.