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PICK 2 WOMEN FOR JURY DUTY AT COURT TERM

List Drawn For Senior Opening December 1; Alley To Preside

The names of two women appear among the 54 persons selected for jury duty at the December term of superior court here.

The two women who may serve as jurors during the court term, which will open Monday, December 1, are Mrs. Reby Tressler, of Franklin, and Mrs. Ruth Carter Rice, of Highlands. The jury list was drawn at Monday's meeting of the board of county commissioners. This is the second time in the history of Macon county courts that women have been drawn on jury lists.

Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, will preside over next month's court.

The 52 men who were drawn on the duty list are:

Jess Shope, of Franklin, Route 1; Reid Womack, Franklin; W. G. Rowland, Route 3; W. T. Holden, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; J. L. Huggins, Route 4; Wiley Brown, Route 2; F. H. Potts, Highlands; J. Ned Teague, Prentiss; Frank B. Cook, Highlands; Walter Gibson, Route 3; Claude Roper, Route 3; Fritz J. Henderson, Route 2; E. G. Houston, Route 3; R. D. Carson, Franklin; Ray R. Franklin, Route 4; Buelen Holland, Cullasaja; Julian C. Zoellner, Highlands; Doyle Speed, Highlands; W. O. Lewis, Route 1; John N. Conley, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; H. A. Cleaveland, Highlands; E. M. Dills, Gneiss; Neville Cabe, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Bryant McClure, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Fred Ledford, Route 3; C. D. Raby, Route 3; Charles Nolen, Route 1; Carlton Cleaveland, Highlands; M. E. Bennett, Route 3; W. P. Pierson, Highlands; H. A. Burch, Route 1; Frank Burnette, Route 3; G. H. Brendle, Route 1; Lee Keener, Gneiss; Worley Dehart, Prentiss; J. B. Watts, Prentiss, Louin Cabe, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Zeb Childers, Route 1; Floyd Roper, Route 3; Frank Stiles, Route 2; W. R. Mason, Route 3; Carl D. Morgan, Stiles; Joe Shope, Otto; Tom Alley, Otto; S. H. Ramsey, Tellico; Charles Waldrop, Route 1; Newell Baldwin, Kyle; John Clark, Route 3; Frank Phillips, Route 1; Lee Duvall, Flats; Vernon Bryson, Cullasaja; and Eugene E. Crawford, Route 1.

Do You Remember...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. A. L. Leach moved into the upper story of the Monday brick building and will open up a new stock of merchandise in a few days in the lower story.

Mr. J. W. Coggins has been engaged the last few days on a chimney for The Press and he well knows how to place the brick down. He is an elderly gentleman whose home is in Buncombe county and has devoted most of his life to the trade and does excellent work.

25 YEARS AGO

The Ellijay township fair held Saturday was a real success. Many pieces of blue ribbon were awarded to the exhibits, which were sufficient in quantity to fill five booths. The people of the Mountain Grove school district were invited to take part in the fair, and the skill in mental arithmetic showed by five-year-old Loyd Taylor of that community was one of the interesting parts of the day's program. In the afternoon there was a game of bull pen by some of the older men with some younger ones to make out the necessary numbers. This was the first game of its kind played in this section since our parents were children. Miss Laura M. Jones, Miss Adelaide Bulgin, and Professor Billings were present at the fair.

10 YEARS AGO

According to R. A. Patton, auctioneer, the cattle sale held in Franklin Tuesday was the most successful sale of the year. About 240 head of cattle were sold and prices ranged from \$3 to \$8.50 per 100 pounds.

Annual Red Cross Dinner Meet Set For November 13

The Macon county chapter of the Red Cross will hold its annual meeting Thursday night, November 13, at 7 o'clock at the Slagle memorial.

Following the dinner, a program will be presented which will include a guest speaker and committee reports on various activities of the local chapter through the past year.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting.

Letters are being mailed to all members whose names are on file in the local Red Cross office, urging them to attend the meeting, but there may be persons whose names were not turned in with the contribution lists in last year's fund drive. Any person who contributed to the Red Cross fund last year and would like to attend the dinner is requested to notify Mrs. Bob Sloan, executive secretary of the local office, by Tuesday, November 10, regardless of whether they receive a letter of invitation.

TOURIST COURT SOLD BY CABES

Wayah View Cottages Bought By Couple From Indiana

For a sale price reported as approximately \$25,000, Wayah View Cottages have been bought by Mr. and Mrs. James Vovos, of Petersburg, Ind., from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cabe. The deal was closed last Thursday.

The tourist court, which is situated in East Franklin, consists of four double cottages and an acre of land. The units, equipped with showers and electric heat, are completely furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. Vovos, who plan to continue operation of the cottages as a tourist court, will occupy one unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Cabe started construction of the court two years ago, and have operated it for the past 18 months.

Methodist

Quarterly Conferences To Be Held Sunday

The Franklin and Macon Methodist circuits will hold their first quarterly conferences of the year Sunday. Dr. C. N. Clark, of Waynesville, the new district superintendent, will attend both. It will be his first official visit to Macon County.

At the Macon circuit meeting, to be held at Union church at 2:30 p. m., church officials and members also will have an opportunity to get acquainted with the recently appointed circuit pastor, the Rev. L. C. Stevens. Mr. Stevens, member of the conference since 1925, comes here from the Old Fort circuit. He and Mrs. Stevens and their four children have moved into the circuit parsonage. Dr. Clark will preach, after which a business session will be held.

The Franklin circuit conference will be held at Snow Hill church at 11 a. m. Following a service to be conducted by Dr. Clark, a picnic dinner will be served, after which a business session is scheduled. All attending are asked to bring baskets of lunch.

While church members generally are invited to the two meetings, it was emphasized that all church officials are expected to be present.

Plan Blasting Demonstrations Here Next Week

Persons interested in ditch blasting are invited to attend the demonstrations to be conducted here next Tuesday and Wednesday, County Agent S. W. Mendenhall said this week. The Tuesday demonstration will be on the farm of C. A. Elmore, on Cowee, and that on Wednesday on Paul Grist's farm, at Scalp.

For the actual blasting are set for 2:30 p. m., persons interested in doing this type of work should come earlier, Mr. Mendenhall suggested, in order to see the way the dynamite is planted.

DEFERS ACTION ON CHANGING 2 SCHOOL NAMES

Education Board Studies Crowded Conditions; 3 Buses Bought

The County Board of Education, at its monthly meeting Monday, deferred action on the proposal to change the names of the Franklin and Otto schools.

Members of the board also discussed with Supt. G. L. Houk the crowded condition of some of the school rooms, especially the first grade rooms at Franklin, and were told by Mr. Houk that two new school buses bought by the county have arrived and are in service.

It had been proposed to change the designation of the school here from "the Franklin school" to some name that would suggest its district-wide service, and the public had been asked for suggestions. The board also had indicated it might change the name of the school at Otto to "Smith Bridge school".

It was explained that no action was taken, since the public had shown little interest. Three names — Macon County Central High School, New Area School, and Billings School — have been suggested in letters to The Press, and Mr. Houk said he had received one suggestion, "Macon County High School". Ed Byrd said one person had suggested to him that the Otto school be named the "G. L. Houk school".

Bob S. Sloan raised the question of what could be done about the crowded condition of the first grade here, where it is said that more than 50 children are enrolled in each of the two rooms. Mr. Houk replied that the state allotment leaves no further teacher for this district, since the vacancy that had been held open for a public school music teacher was used when a teacher was sent to Gold Mine. He added that, even if another teacher were available, there is no other classroom. Mr. Sloan asked if there is not an extra teacher at Higdonville. Mr. Houk replied in the affirmative, but remarked that, should one of the Higdonville teachers be transferred, it would result in equally crowded classroom conditions at that school.

The two buses recently bought by the county replace two used vehicles loaned by the state during the war, it was explained. (The county is required to buy the initial bus, when a bus route is established, and replacements are made by the state.) The new buses, Mr. Houk said, are equipped with heaters and are modern in every respect. The invoice has not been received, but it is understood that they will cost about \$2,000 each.

In addition, the state recently put on three new buses replacing old ones. A spare bus has been assigned to Highlands, the superintendent said, to be available for emergencies.

Mrs. Hastings

Is Taken By Death At Son's Home

Mrs. Mary Ellen Hastings, 72, life-long resident of Macon county, died Monday morning at the home of her son, Charles Hastings, who lives in the Coolee section. Mrs. Hastings, who had been seriously ill for the past week, had been making her home with her son for some time.

She was a member of the Coolee Baptist church and had married early in life F. C. Hastings, who survives her.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Pleasant Hill Baptist church, with the Rev. Lee Crawford officiating, assisted by the Rev. George Cloer. Pallbearers were Bennie Haire, Arthur Dowdle, Shirley Dowdle, Woodrow Shope, George Cabe, and Nelson Shope.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Hastings is survived by four sons, Charles Hastings, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, J. D. Hastings, of Prentiss, L. A. Hastings, of Franklin, Route 3, and Fred Hastings, of Hamilton, Wash., one daughter, Mrs. H. A. O'Kelly, of Greenville, S. C.; and one sister, Mrs. Tom Southards, of Route 1, Franklin.

Panthers To Meet Andrews Here In Benefit Nov. 14

The Franklin Panthers will clash with the Andrews high eleven in a specially scheduled game here Friday, November 14, at 7:30 p. m., as a benefit for the Franklin P. T. A., it was announced.

It will be the public's last chance to see this year's strong Franklin team, one of the best in years, in action on the local gridiron. And for several members of the team, it may be the last game they will ever play in Franklin, since they will be graduated next spring. The locals have a record, to date, of four wins, one tie, and only one defeat.

Andrews is said to have a strong eleven, also, and a hard-fought contest is anticipated.

Proceeds from the game, which is expected to draw a record attendance, will be divided between the P. T. A. and the school athletic association, W. E. Hunnicut, chairman of the P. T. A. committee in charge, said.

Tickets are on sale at Angel's and Perry's drug stores.

COMMISSIONERS HAVE BUSY DAY

Deny York Beer License By 2 To 1 Vote; REA Inspector Named

The Macon County board of commissioners had a busy day at its meeting Monday. During the day's session the board drew the jury list for the December term of the superior court, certified an inspector for Rural Electrification authority installations in Macon County, approved payment of several bills, including two debt service items which amounted to \$31,746.25, approved of a road petition, and declined to grant a beer license to Fred York.

On a motion made by W. W. Edwards and seconded by John Roane, L. R. Callahan, of Haywood county, was certified as electrical inspector for REA lines in this county. It was pointed out that Mr. Callahan was certified for REA lines and installations only. The commissioners set the inspection fee at not to exceed \$2 per house.

A petition asking that the Palmer road, which turns off the Highlands-Franklin highway near George Malone's home, be placed on the state road system was approved and forwarded to Raleigh.

By a vote of two to one, the board refused to grant Fred York a beer license for an establishment which he operates on the Cowee Mountain. W. E. Whitmire, chairman, and Mr. Roane voted against granting the license. Mr. Edwards voted for it.

Mrs. Bertha Price, Native Of Franklin, Dies In High Point

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Bertha Gaston Price, a native of Franklin, at High Point last Friday.

Mrs. Price was a sister of Mrs. Mary Curtis, whom she visited here last summer, and has many relatives here and in Buncombe county. She had gone to visit another sister, Mrs. Bess Corwell, in High Point, when she became ill. Mrs. Curtis was summoned and was with her at the time of her death, attributed to a heart affection.

Mrs. Price, whose parents Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Gaston, was well known as a musician, and following the death of her husband a number of years ago, had taught piano at Albemarle, her home. She lived in Franklin until the time of her marriage, in the early 1900's.

Funeral services were held in Albemarle Saturday.

Renshaw Returns From Battling Maine Fires

E. W. Renshaw, supervisor of Nantahala National forest, returned this week from Maine, where he has spent the past two weeks directing fire fighters in their battle against the disastrous blazes that first swept the forests and then destroyed private homes.

Kidnappers Free Victim Near Here

Panthers Win Over Sylva Hi By 26-0 Score

Asheville Man Tells Officers Here How He Was Abducted

C. W. Crum, of Asheville, Route 4, told officers here early Monday morning how he was kidnapped from his home near Asheville, robbed of his automobile and of between \$40 to \$60 in cash, and left stranded on a lonely country road in Macon county—near the North Carolina-Georgia state line—about 3:30 Monday morning. The kidnappers overlooked \$400 he had on his person.

Mr. Crum, after being released by his abductors, walked to the Clayton-Franklin highway and caught the bus to Franklin. He then met T. W. Phillips, night policeman, who went with him to rouse Pritchard Smith, state highway patrolman, at the latter's home.

The kidnap victim told the officers that three men came to his home near Asheville the night before, just after he had closed his filling station, and asked him to take them to Asheville, as they had broken an axle in their car. Mr. Crum said that, soon after they had gotten into the car, the men made it clear to him that he was their prisoner and one of the kidnappers took over the wheel and placed him between two of the abductors on the front seat.

The car stopped in Franklin to buy gas at the filling station at the Duncan Motor company at about 1:30 in the morning, according to Mr. Crum's story.

Norman Guffey, who was on duty at the filling station, said that he didn't notice anything strange about the four occupants of the car except that they seemed in a hurry and failed to wait for their change after paying for the gas.

The Buncombe county filling station operator told Mr. Smith that he was carried across the state line into Georgia, but that his abductors, commenting that they had crossed the state line, turned around and brought him back into Macon County. (Taking a kidnapped person across a state line is a federal offense, under the Lindbergh law.) Turning off the first side road to the left, he said, they stopped near a church. They then stopped and forced Mr. Crum from the car, taking between \$40 and \$60 from his pocketbook. He told the officers that the pocketbook also contained \$400 in bills, in a bank book, but that he told his abductors that was "just his bankbook", and they returned it to him unopened. Mr. Phillips said that later in the morning he counted the money, and that the total was \$400.

The night policeman also said that in the conversation, Mr. Crum told him that the man had relieved him of a pistol when they put him out of the car. He had the gun stuck in his belt during the entire ride but had no opportunity to use it against the three men. (Mr. Crum lost an arm and a leg in a railway accident some years ago.)

After the officers had talked with Mr. Crum, Mr. Smith telephoned law enforcement authorities in Buncombe county. Later in the morning, Mr. Crum took a taxi and went to Asheville.

Patrolman Smith said that he learned later in the day the three men had been identified by Buncombe county witnesses as James Stephenson, 22, of Asheville, serving six to 10 years for armed robbery; Ballard Martin, 23, of Newton, serving 15 years for assault with intent to commit rape; and Odell Holder, 32, of Greensboro, convicted on a health law charge and sentenced to serve 12 years.

Tuesday morning, however, Holder gave himself up to officers in Guilford county when he told them that he had become too ill to go on with his companions, and had been hiding in woods near his home, just outside Greensboro, since the trio's prison break Sunday morning.

The Woman's auxiliary of St. Agnes Episcopal church will hold a benefit food sale at the Nantahala Power and Light company Saturday morning, starting at 10 o'clock.