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### WILL DEVELOP MEMORIAL AREA FOR RECREATION

#### Lions Club Also Will Grade, Grass Lot On Main Street

A resolution, accepting the invitation of the trustees of the Slagle Memorial property to develop a recreation center on property surrounding the Memorial building, was adopted by the Lions club at its meeting Monday night.

The decision was reached after considerable discussion as to whether the club could continue its plans to develop the county lot on Main street or create a recreation center on the Memorial property.

Prior to adoption of the proposal calling for the development of the Memorial recreation center, a motion was passed that the Lions club continue work on the county lot, to the extent that it be graded and grass sown there.

It was brought to the attention of the club that Grant Zickgraf had offered the club the use of a bulldozer in the project of developing the county property and that A. B. Slagle had offered similar equipment in the development of the recreation center at the Memorial building.

General discussion indicated that the club would complete the work on the county lot as soon as possible, and that the development of the Memorial property would be taken up as a long-term project.

In the general discussion, those favoring the development of the Memorial property pointed out that it would be a permanent proposition; while members favoring the development of the county lot felt that having started a development there, the club should complete it.

A rummage sale, previously announced, will be held on Rankin square Saturday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. B. L. McGlamery will be the auctioneer, and funds raised by this sale will be used for the development of the two proposed recreational areas.

### Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

#### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Kope Elias, J. F. Ray, E. K. Cunningham and J. A. Munday visited Asheville last week. We learn that R. B. Shelton began a revival at Mt. Zion on the 5th Sunday of last month and that the Rev. Frank Siler has been doing the preaching and up to last Saturday there had been 47 professions. Miss Nannie Trotter and her brother, John, left yesterday morning on a visit to Atlanta. Miss Nannie will visit friends at Mayesville and other places before returning.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

A deal of considerable interest to local business circles was effected during the last few days, when Mr. C. W. Hames purchased the interest of Lewis B. Angel in the firm of W. T. Moore and company, one of Franklin's leading general merchandise and grocery stores. Mr. Hames is well known to our people, having lived here for many years before going to Atlanta to engage in the hotel business.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

At the meeting for the re-organization of the Parent-Teacher Association for Franklin and vicinity, held at the courthouse last Friday, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Carl Slagle, president; Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, vice-president; Mrs. H. E. Church, secretary; Mrs. L. H. Page, treasurer. The marriage of Miss Margaret Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Hall, of Sylva, and Charles Norman Dowdle, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dowdle, of Franklin was solemnized Saturday at 8:30 in the Sylva Methodist church.

### Sales Of Extract Wood Total \$480,000 Yearly Here, Figures Reveal

Pointing out that the Champion Fibre company and the Mead corporation buy about 40,000 units of chestnut extract wood each year in Macon county, bringing in a yearly income of about \$480,000, John Wasilik, ranger for the Wayah district of the Nantahala National forest, this week stressed the importance of protecting woodlands from fire.

Most of this wood comes from the government land lying in the Wayah district and is bought by the two companies at a price of \$12 per unit. A unit, he explained, consists of 160 cubic feet, as compared with 128 feet in the standard cord, the usual unit for measuring wood.

So far this year, there have been seven fires on the Wayah

district which have burned over a total of 268 acres, according to the district ranger. Mr. Wasilik said that this caused a loss of \$1,000 in timber, besides destroying the young trees, and slowing down the growth of the older trees.

When asked about some rules for the safe burning of brush and debris, the ranger explained that the safest time to burn is after a good rain. "Pick a quiet afternoon—preferably after 3 p. m. when the wind is not blowing," he added. "It's always a good idea to notify your neighbors or the state fire warden and rangers when you plan to burn. Plow several furrows, or rake a line, around the area you plan to burn to prevent fire from getting out. Have tools with which to fight the fire and stay with it until it's out."

### Legion Armistice Supper Is First Meal At Memorial

Forty members of the Franklin American Legion met Tuesday night at the Slagle Memorial building for an impromptu Armistice day supper.

The delicious chicken dinner was the first meal served in the Memorial building by the caretaker and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Van Frasier.

The meeting was attended by veterans from both wars.

### Red Cross To Hold Annual Meet Tonight

Demonstrations and reports of work done in two projects sponsored by the Macon County chapter of the American Red Cross during the past year are scheduled as features of the organization's annual dinner, which is to be held at 7 p. m. tonight (Thursday) at the Slagle Memorial.

Carl Tysinger, local fire chief, will give a demonstration of first aid and accident prevention instruction, according to present plans. Mr. Tysinger is one of the graduates of an instructor's course in this field offered here this fall with Ellis D. Fysal, field representative of the national Red Cross, as instructor.

Neil Mooney, graduate of last summer's Red Cross swimming instructor's class, will make a report on the swimming and water safety program conducted here last summer under the auspices of the local Red Cross chapter.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting, to which all members of the Red Cross have been invited. Every person who contributed to the Red Cross last year is a member, it was pointed out.

### P. T. A. To Hear Speakers From W. C. T. C. At Monday's Meeting

Guest speakers at the November meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, set for 7:30 o'clock Monday night at the school, will be Miss Fannie Goodman and Miss Benton, both of the faculty of Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee.

The subjects of their talks have not been announced. The national P. T. A. topic for November, however, is "Know Your Schools", and National Book Week falls in November, so it is anticipated that their talks will deal with one or both of these phases of public education.

#### FLORIDA RATES HIGHER

Reports from Florida are that Florida resort interests believe the boom will last through this winter; that hotels will have excellent business; that many places are planning to raise rates as much as \$5 per day in January and February.

### FRIDAY NIGHT'S GRID CLASH DUE TO DRAW CROWD

#### Local Eleven Will Meet Andrews In Benefit Game Here

Given good weather, a crowd of between 1,000 and 1,500 persons is expected to turn out for the specially scheduled football game here tomorrow (Friday) night between the Franklin Panthers and Andrews high school.

The kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock at the Franklin school athletic field. The game was arranged as a benefit affair. Half the net proceeds from admissions will go to the Franklin Parent-Teacher association for its work, while the other half will be turned over to the school athletic association, which has heavy expenses this season, especially in purchasing new equipment.

Representatives of the P. T. A. also will have hot dogs, popcorn, and cold drinks on sale, as a supplementary fund raising project.

Faced with the need of some place for the sale of these items, the P. T. A. committee decided to build a permanent booth, to be available for similar concessions in the future. The booth is being constructed on the west side of the shower house. Members of E. J. Whitmire's vocational agriculture class agreed to do the work, and lumber was donated by the Zickgraf Hardware company.

The Franklin eleven, with a record of four wins, one tie, and only one defeat, is one of the strongest the school has had in years, but it is understood that Andrews also has a good team, and a hard-fought contest is predicted.

Coach Frank Flyler yesterday announced Franklin's probable starting lineup as follows:

Quarterback, Flanagan or Harmon; fullback, Cabe; halves, Mason and Gregory; center, McConnell; guards, Brown and Leopard; tackles, Mooney and Stewart; and ends, Angel and Moses.

Arrangements for the game were made with school authorities by the P. T. A. budget committee, headed by W. E. Hunicutt. Other members of the committee are Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Jr., R. S. Jones, John M. Archer, Jr., and Mrs. Clinton Johnson.

For Friday night's concessions, Mrs. George A. L. Cook, Jr., is in charge of preparing the hot dogs; Mrs. Marion Perce, getting and preparing the popcorn; Mrs. D. A. Stewart the soft drinks; and Mrs. Sam Alexander is responsible for lining up.

### Dr. Matthews

#### Heads Local Infantile Paralysis Chapter

Dr. William A. Matthews, of Highlands, has been elected chairman of the Macon County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It was announced this week Dr. Matthews succeeds Mrs. Josephine D. Gaines, who resigned.

The Macon County chapter plans to send delegates to a district infantile paralysis meeting in Asheville next Monday, but the persons to represent the local chapter have not yet been selected.

### N. C. SYMPHONY DRIVE PLANNED

#### Sloan Heads Committee; Concerts Scheduled Here In March

W. W. Sloan, Franklin business man, has been appointed Macon County chairman for the North Carolina Symphony, and announced this week that the 1947 campaign for memberships in the Symphony Society will open here November 24.

The Symphony Orchestra, which delighted audiences here last year and the year before, is tentatively scheduled to appear in Franklin early in March. As usual, a free concert will be given in the afternoon for school children.

This county's membership quota is the same as last year, \$750.

The work of the symphony is considered essentially educational, and four types of membership are open, to suit the desires and pocketbooks of those who wish to forward this movement for better music in North Carolina, as well as to obtain admission to the concert here.

The regular membership is \$2; an active membership is \$5; a donor membership, \$25; and a patron membership, \$100. Any one of these memberships admits the member to any concert the orchestra gives in North Carolina. Since the orchestra usually plays in a number of Western North Carolina communities, this makes it possible for Macon County members who wish to do so to attend more than one concert, without additional charge.

Since its reorganization in 1939, the orchestra—the first orchestra in the nation to receive state support—has been acclaimed by hundreds of thousands of persons. In the 115 concerts it gave last year, the group played to 50,000 adults and 100,000 children.

"The enthusiastic response of the Macon County children who attended the free children's concerts last year and the year before," Mr. Sloan pointed out, "indicates how quick children are to appreciate good music, when they are given the opportunity to hear it."

Mr. Sloan will announce members of his committee, workers, and detailed plans for the campaign next week, he said.

### October Unusually Warm And Wet, Records Reveal

Last month was exceptionally warm and wet for October, a comparison with a 10-year average at the Coweeta Experimental Forest.

A total of 8.02 inches of rainfall during the month was recorded at the weather station in the headquarters area of the forest, while at some of the higher elevations more than 13 inches of rain fell. This compares with an average, over the 10-year period 1937-1946, of 3.01 inches.

The average temperature last month was 60 degrees, which was 4.4 degrees above the 10-year average.

The coldest day in October was the 31st, when a low of 30 degrees was recorded, but that was five degrees above the 10-year average for the last day of October. October 26, when a high of 86 was recorded, was the warmest day in the month. This was four degrees above the 10-year average for October 26.

The only October during the past decade that was wetter was in 1937. In that year, a total of 8.57 inches of precipitation was noted. The driest October on record was in 1938, when only .18 of an inch of rain fell during the entire month.

### Franklin Collects 98.09 Per Cent Of Its 1946 Tax Levy

Tax collections of the Town of Franklin for the 1946 tax year represent 98.09 per cent of the total levy, E. W. Long, town clerk, announced this week. This betters by 3.64 per cent the record reported by Brevard, which occasioned a commendation editorial in The Asheville Citizen Monday.

Franklin's total levy for 1946 was \$17,181.91, Mr. Long said, and tax collections to date amount to \$16,805.05. That is 98.09 per cent, plus—just under 98.1.

### NEW VETERANS' CLASS PLANNED

#### Will Give Farm Training; Applicants Should File Names Now

A new farm training class for veterans of World War 2 will start here January 1, it was announced this week by E. J. Whitmire, who heads the on-the-job farm training program in Macon County. Since last year, regulations governing this training have been made much more strict, Mr. Whitmire said.

Veterans who wish to enroll should see the teacher of agriculture at the Agricultural building Saturday morning, Mr. Whitmire said, emphasizing that the names of all those who wish to start their training in January should be filed with him by not later than November 15.

At present, more than a hundred Macon County veterans are taking the training. Approximately 10 have completed the course, and about 20 more will finish their training during 1948.

Of those enrolled at present, Mr. Whitmire said, about 75 per cent are entitled to the full four years' training.

Veterans attend classes, which are held in the Agricultural building, once a week. The schedule of classes held will be changed, starting next year, from two each week to four, to accommodate the various groups in training.

Pointing out that a trainee must devote his full time to farming, Mr. Whitmire remarked that in the past "it has been the practice of some veterans to make all the necessary promises in order to get on the program, and then to forget those promises when the sun gets hot and the weeds begin to grow." He added that a number of North Carolina veterans have been convicted of fraud during the past year, for drawing subsistence money to farm and then taking other jobs on the side.

The new class, Mr. Whitmire pointed out, will operate under Public Law 377, which sets forth requirements much stricter than those in effect in the past. These requirements, he added, can be changed only by an act of congress.

Among them, he listed the following:

1. A veteran must have complete control of the farm on

### 3 Who Kidnapped Crum Given 20 Years Each

The three escaped convicts who figured in a kidnapping November 2 that ended with release of their victim in Macon County, entered pleas of guilty in U. S. district court in Asheville Monday and were sentenced to 20 years each by Judge E. Yates Webb. The victim was C. W. Crum, crippled Buncombe filling station operator. The three, who escaped from the prison ward at the state sanatorium at Sanatorium, are: Ballard Martin, of Newton, James A. Stephenson, of Belmont, and Odell Holder, of Greensboro. They were under treatment for tuberculosis at the sanatorium when they made their escape.

### Gregory's New Baby Is Eleventh Born To Them

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gregory, of Gneiss, have announced the birth of a daughter, Callie Evelyn Gregory, October 12. The baby is the eleventh child born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory.

### RAPER, QUEEN TO APPEAR AT PROGRAM HERE

#### Benefit Square Dance Planned Nov. 21 At Memorial

Two of the best known figures in Western North Carolina folk music and dancing will be on hand for the benefit square dance to be held at the Slagle Memorial Friday night of next week.

They are "Smiling Red" Raper, vocalist, perhaps the most popular individual entertainer ever to appear on the program of the Mountain Dance and Folk festival held annually in Asheville, and Sam Queen, caller for the Soco Gap square dance team. It was one of Mr. Queen's dance teams that appeared, several years ago, before the King and Queen of England in a performance at the White House.

Features of the evening's entertainment, in addition to the square dancing, will be a box supper, cake walk, and selection of the prettiest girl and ugliest man present.

The affair, set to start at 8 p. m., is sponsored by the Franklin Rotary and Lions clubs to raise funds to complete the furnishing of the Slagle Memorial.

Appearing on the evening's program with Mr. Queen and Mr. Raper will be such well known hillbilly talent as George Farthing, director of the North Carolina Farm Bureau band; Dick Farthing, guitarist, who toured the world with USO troop shows and with the Farm Bureau band; "Doc" Furman Corbin, widely known banjoist; and the Carpenter brothers—Jack, pianist; Ed, Jr., mandolinist, who is a member of the W. C. T. C. orchestra; and Dean, guitarist, and St. Clair Anderson.

### Visitors

#### From Latin America Visit Coweeta

J. Albert Torres, of Costa Rica, and Edmundo Ressini, of Sucre, Bolivia, both agronomists, spent several days of last week at the Coweeta Experimental Forest as part of a one-year study in the United States under the auspices of the M. S. Department of agriculture.

These men are studying forestry practices here with a view to learning both the practical and scientific methods of forest management and administration practiced in this country. Their training is not only in observation but in actually helping in the work.

At Coweeta the men were shown around the experimental area and then were given assignments in computing intensity to rainfall and average daily streamflow to get an understanding of the successive steps involved in measurements of this kind.

The visit of the Latin Americans resulted in their obtaining a better understanding of U. S. watershed management, and in the Coweeta staff's getting a better insight into the forestry problems in Costa Rica and Bolivia, forest officials said.

Mr. Torres and Mr. Ressini left Friday for Asheville. Later they will spend a month on the Pisgah National Forest.

### Press Features Appear This Week In New Positions

A rearrangement places several features that appear regularly in The Press in new positions this week.

The editorial is on page 8—the second page of the second section.

Highlands news appears on the front of the second section.

The ever-popular want ad column will be found on page 5, and in succeeding issues will appear on the next to the last page of the first section, or on the page to the last page in the section when there is only one page.

As usual, the far right page of the first page of the first section, which is page 6, will be the page of the first section.