

11 SENTENCED TO TOTAL OF 91 YEARS

COMMISSIONERS HEAR, ACT ON VARIED ISSUES

Buck Creek Road Finished, State Asked To Take Over Tesenta Road

Members of the Macon County Board of Commissioners were chiefly occupied at their regular meeting Monday in hearing several petitions, complaints and requests.

Mrs. Frank H. Potts, county superintendent of public welfare, appeared before the board and requested the county to assist in paying the expense of sending a patient to Black Mountain for treatment for tuberculosis. After considerable discussion the request was granted.

A petition signed by persons living along the Tesenta road asking that this road be turned over to the state for maintenance was approved and forwarded to Raieigh E. W. Renshaw, local forest supervisor, explained that this section of road had been built by the CCC, but that recently a verbal agreement had been made between forest service and state highway officials whereby the state would take over the maintenance of certain sections of road which the Forest Service had previously kept up. In return, the Forest Service agreed to build a stretch of road in the Buck Creek-Highlands area. This has recently been completed.

An order that Miss Charlotte Conley be allowed to use the small room just inside the entrance to the court house as a drink stand was approved. It was explained that this would not cost the county any money, as the rehabilitation program would meet all expenses involved.

Walter Dean, deputy sheriff, filed a complaint requesting that the beer license issued to Mrs. Cora Reed for the Lake Emory filling station be revoked. The property is operated by George Thompson. Officer Dean in his complaint charged a violation of the law, in that Mrs. Thompson, wife of the proprietor, although under 18 years of age, has sold beer. The board ordered that Mrs. Reed be summoned to appear at a hearing on December 15 at 10 a. m. and show cause why the license for this property should not be revoked.

Do You Remember ...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Dr. S. H. Lyle reached the depot at Asheville last Friday just in time to be called in consultation with Dr. W. D. Hilliard, surgeon in the Southern Railway company, in the examination of L. M. Bumgarner, engineer on the A&S line, who had been shot by a tramp near Arden.

Miss Lilly Rankin left yesterday morning for a month's visit to her brother, Ernest, at Washington, D. C.

25 YEARS AGO

Late last Saturday afternoon fire was discovered on the roof of the home of Mrs. J. E. Hurst on Harrison avenue. An alarm was immediately turned in and Franklin's volunteer fire department made a quick run to the scene in the new truck. By their quick effective work the firemen soon had the blaze extinguished and the only damage done was to the roof.

An enjoyable event of the past week was a cake party given by Mrs. Wm. Howard at her home on the Georgia road, Friday evening honoring her nephew, Mr. Howard Bradley, and her son, Mr. Roane Howard, who were leaving for Lyman, Wash.

10 YEARS AGO

Dr. Furman Angel of Franklin has been invited by the Alabama Medical association to deliver the Jerome Cochran lecture before the next meeting of the society, which will be held in Mobile next spring.

Two From Macon Elected To MYF District Offices

Two young persons from Macon County—Manuel Holland and Miss Juanita Allen were elected to district offices in the Methodist Youth Fellowship at a meeting held at the Sylvia Methodist church Monday night.

The more than 300 young people, representing Methodist youth organizations in churches in six Western North Carolina counties, chose young Holland, who is president of the Macon sub-district of the MYF, as district president, and Miss Allen, of the Union MYF, as district secretary and treasurer.

A highlight of the interesting program was a report by Miss Nell Webb, chairman of the board of Christian education, on the international youth conference held at Oslo, Norway, this fall, which Miss Webb attended.

The Jackson county high school glee club provided music for the young people and their adult counselors.

Street-Fence Issue Before Board Again

The question of the removal of an obstruction allegedly on a street right-of-way was the only matter to come before the Franklin board of aldermen at its meeting Monday night, except for the routine of approving monthly bills.

The issue was brought before the board by Albert Stiles, who asked that the board settle the question of whether a street constructed by Randolph Bulgin lies within the right-of-way of the street, known as Wilkie street, in the Bob Davis subdivision. The matter has been pending since Mr. Stiles brought it up about three months ago.

Mr. Stiles declared that this 30-foot street right-of-way has been deeded to the town for 23 years, and that the public has a right to use the street. The town, at a recent meeting, accepted a deed signed by Bob Davis, to the right-of-way, after Hal Zachary had told the board that the deed already had been placed on record "by mistake".

In the course of the discussion it was pointed out that Mr. Bulgin, who was not present, had said at a previous meeting that he favored the street, but that Mr. Davis lacked the authority to give a deed for the right-of-way.

R. S. Jones, town attorney, advised the board members that they could order that the right-of-way be cleared of any obstructions which had been placed there by individuals.

Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., pointed out that the board, having accepted the deed for the right-of-way at a previous meeting, should either do something about the street or deed the right-of-way back to Mr. Davis.

On motion of W. C. Burrell, seconded by Erwin Patton, it was decided to notify all persons who own property adjoining the right-of-way designated on the plat of the Bob Davis subdivision, surveyed by W. B. McGuire, to remove any obstructions that lie within or on this right-of-way by January 5. In order to assist the property owners, the clerk was ordered to have a survey made of this right-of-way as soon as possible.

Members present, in addition to Mayor Angel, Mr. Burrell, and Mr. Patton, were L. B. Phillips, and Russell Cabe.

Town employees who attended the meeting were R. S. Jones, Erwin Long, Dr. H. T. Horsley, Carl Tysinger, and Tom Phillips.

First Grade Mothers Earn \$38.55 At Sale

Grade mothers of Mrs. Lee Guffey's first grade at the Franklin school made a profit of \$38.55 at a rummage sale held on Rankin square last Saturday, they reported. The money will be used for various types of equipment needed in the room, it was explained.

FULTON HEADS AAA IN MACON

Committeemen Chosen In Thirteen Community Elections

AAA farmers in Macon County, in community elections last Saturday, chose 13 local committees of three members each, and two alternates for each community.

Representatives of the newly-elected local committees, at a meeting held here Monday, re-elected the three county committeemen and named two alternates. Again named on the county committee are Robert Fulton, chairman, A. C. Patterson, vice-chairman, and B. W. Justice. The two alternates are Carl Morgan, first, and C. W. Henderson, second.

The 13 local committees are listed below, the first member named in each case being the chairman, and the second named, the vice-chairman. The last two names in each group are those of alternates.

Southwest Franklin: R. D. Wells, Robert Carpenter, Carl Angel; Homer Cochran, Harley Stewart, alternates.

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North Franklin: Hansel Bennett, Roy Ramsey, Robert Sloan; George Gibson, Edwin Bradley, alternates.

Millshoal: Walter Taylor, Paul Ammons, Lee Crawford; Jack Cabe, Gordon Smith, alternates.

Cartoogechaye: W. M. Byrd, W. N. Dairymple, Charles Nolen; Eugene Crawford, Bryan Seiser, alternates.

Ellijay: Fred Corbin, Troy Shook, Mrs. Martha Moses; Raieigh Gibson, Allie Webb, alternates.

Sugarfork: Mrs. Fay Mashburn, E. M. Dills, D. M. Rogers; Frank Peek, W. L. Harper, alternates.

Highlands: Jess Keener, Sam Houston, Taff Henry; R. J. Cobb, B. C. Toy, alternates.

Flats: Toliver Vinson, M. S. Burnette, Ray Dryman; Frank Miller, Jim Fisher, alternates.

Smithbridge: Tom McDowell, Robert Stewart, Joe Bradley; Miller Norris, J. L. Justice, alternates.

Nantahala: J. R. Shields, Clint May, Carl Bateman; Cline Evans, Judd McMahan, alternates.

Burningtown: Carl Morgan, E. B. Byrd, W. R. Parrish; L. P. Roper, Fred Ledford, alternates.

Cowee: T. G. Dean, H. R. Morrison, J. C. Bryson; J. H. Rickman, J. E. Allen, alternates.

Historical Society Will Hold Annual Meet

The Macon County Historical society will hold its annual meeting Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the offices of Jones and Jones, it was announced this week. Since officers and directors for the coming year are to be elected, all members of the society are being urged to attend.

CANADA SEEKS TOURISTS

Canada is spending \$3,000,000 to improve ski trails and hotel facilities in an effort to increase winter tourist business.

Sorry, Transylvania, But We're Ahead Of You Again!

By BOB SLOAN
For many years the citizenry of Franklin and Macon County has been known for its remarkable record as a law-abiding people. It is a fact upon which many judges, presiding over courts here, have commented.

In such a community, of course, it follows that people pay their taxes.

This preface is in deference to our good neighbors over in Transylvania county. We hate to keep on getting in their hair, but the truth is, it is not us, but the facts—and it's certainly the job of a newspaper to report facts.

Recently The Asheville Citizen commented the Town of Brevard upon its excellent tax collection record, 94.46 per cent of the 1946 levy; and issued a challenge to other towns to equal the record. Not wishing to

'Keep Children At Home At Night', Alley Urges As He Cites Delinquency

Deploring the high percentage of today's crime that is committed by children, Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, in his charge to the Macon County grand jury at the opening of the December term of superior court Monday, recommended that parents "keep children in the house at night".

Fifty-six per cent of all the crimes committed in this county are committed by youths between the ages of 10 and 18, Judge Alley said, citing the recent report made by a commission which spent two years investigating crime conditions through the United States. And 65 per cent of these crimes committed by youth, he added, are offenses by children between the ages of 10 and 15.

After explaining to the 17 Macon County men and one woman who comprised the grand jury for this court term their various duties in returning bills of indictment and inspection of public properties, Judge Alley turned to the subject of juvenile delinquency—a topic he said he would continue to speak on at every opportunity, as long as his voice would enable him to do so.

The judge remarked that he had been misquoted, in a charge to the grand jury at Statesville, as favoring the return of the whipping post. He said that, be-

cause of the lack of places to send youthful offenders, there is a growing sentiment for a reenactment of the old whipping post law, explaining that state probation officers had told him the existing institutions were adequate to take care of not more than 10 per cent of the juvenile offenders today. He added that he had heard several judges, who presided over courts in the days of the whipping post, say that they had never known of an offender's repeating a crime for which he had been given a public whipping.

Judge Alley made it clear, however, that he favors steps to prevent the necessity for reenactment of the old whipping post law—suitable farms and factories where young delinquents may be trained, thus furnishing a restraint against crime instead of punishment.

Many municipalities now have laws, Judge Alley pointed out, which prohibit children from being on the streets late at night unescorted by some older person. Declaring that he favors such laws, the jurist closed his charge by admonishing the attentive courtroom audience to "keep children in the house at night", in order to reduce the steadily rising rate of crime among youth.

Dr. Carter Resigns Highlands Baptist Church Pastor

Dr. Thom Carter has resigned as pastor of the Highlands Baptist church, it was learned this week.

The resignation, it was understood, was presented to the congregation last Sunday.

Dr. Carter, who has been pastor of the Highlands Baptist church for about three years, plans to do evangelistic work in Florida, it was said.

No announcement has been made about plans for calling a successor.

More Than \$200

Raised In Campaign For Symphony

More than \$200 has been raised in the campaign for \$750 to bring the North Carolina Symphony orchestra to Franklin for concerts next March, it was announced early this week by W. W. Sloan, Macon County symphony chairman.

Mr. Sloan said that, when the figure was made public, a number of workers in the campaign had not reported, and he added that, due to the Thanksgiving holidays, several of the workers would not complete their canvasses until this week.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Esther Freas accepted responsibility for the canvass of Harrison avenue, a territory not previously assigned.

GRAND JURORS MAKE REPORT

Condition Of Offices, Institutions Is Reported Good

The condition of the county institutions and offices is excellent, with one or two minor exceptions, the grand jury for the December term of Macon superior court reported.

The report was filed by Foreman Frank H. Potts, of Highlands, with Judge Felix E. Alley, presiding Tuesday.

Members of the grand jury, which was made up of 17 men and one woman, were:

G. H. Brendle, M. E. Bennett, Carlton Cleveland, E. M. Dills, Bulen Holland, E. G. Houston, F. J. Henderson, J. L. Huggins, W. T. Holden, Fred Ledford, Charles P. Nolan, Mrs. Ruth V. Carter Price, W. G. Rowland, C. D. Raby, Doyle Speed, J. Ned Teague, and Julian C. Zoelner.

Following is the report submitted:

"1. A party of four men visited the county jail. It was found that the jail was in good condition as to cleanliness, that the bedding and heating were adequate, and that there were no repairs to report.

"2. A party of four men visited the prison camp. This was found to be in excellent condition.

"3. A party of four men inspected the courthouse.

"In the office of the register of deeds all records were found to be in order and the office clean and in as good order as possible, considering the space provided.

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"The rest of the offices on the ground floor were in good condition, according to the space provided.

"The toilets were in good condition, with the exception of the toilet in the colored men's room, which is out of condition.

"A party of two men and one woman visited the county home. This committee found the building to be reasonably clean and the bedding adequate and clean. They recommended that a floor in the hallway be repaired and the entire building be painted inside."

SQUARE DANCERS TO APPEAR

The Pinehurst Forum will open its 1947 season with a performance of Lamar Lunsford's mountain square dancers.

ARE CONVICTED IN HIGHLANDS HOUSEBREAKING

Other Cases Are Tried In December Court Term Here

After stating that in 49 years of "doing business in the courthouse" he never had seen "a case like this one", Judge Felix E. Alley Wednesday sentenced 11 defendants, 10 men and one woman, to serve sentences which amount to 91 years on counts including assault with intent to kill, larceny, house burning, breaking and entering, and possession of stolen goods.

A crowded courtroom heard Judge Alley deliver these sentences to the defendants who were convicted of participating in the robbery of 10 homes in the vicinity of Highlands this fall.

The convictions in these cases came as a climax to an intensive search on the part of Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., and members of the Macon County sheriff's department for the individuals responsible for a series of housebreakings in the Highlands community.

\$10,600 Loss

The following homes were broken into in this section: W. H. Stevens, Frank E. Lowerman, C. E. Hawcomb, G. K. Yetter, David Giddens, R. E. Bouron, Dr. Willard Parry, and Dr. H. W. Ganet. A home owned by Don Miller was entered and the house burned. The value of the goods stolen and the property damage amounted to \$10,600, Judge Alley said in his remarks prior to sentencing the defendants.

The following prison sentences were imposed on the different defendants: Jim Webb, breaking and entering, five years, larceny, two years; Harry Webb, breaking and entering, five years, larceny, two years; Eugene Webb, breaking and entering, five years, larceny two years; Junior Carpenter, breaking and entering, five years, larceny, two years; Monroe Beasley, breaking and entering, five years, larceny, two years; Brewston Webb, breaking and entering, two counts, 3 years, entering (two counts, seven years, larceny (two counts), three years, Percy Webb, breaking and entering (two counts), 10 years, larceny, two years; Alfred Roper, breaking and entering, three years; Albert Crimes, of Haywood county, breaking and entering, five years, larceny, two years; Elbert Sutton, from Haywood county, house burning, seven years, breaking and entering, two years; and Robert Beasley, assault with intent to kill, seven years, breaking and entering, six years, and larceny two years.

In nearly all these cases Judge Alley did not impose sentence in all counts, but left the door open for future convictions by continuing prayer for judgment.

Get \$100 Fines

The following defendants, charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicants, either pleaded guilty or waived bills of indictment, were fined \$100 each, ordered to pay the costs, received 60-day suspended sentences, which can be invoked at any time within five years if they are found guilty of prohibition law violations, and were ordered to surrender their drivers' licenses: Fred W. Woody, Ed Henry, John R. Noland.

2 Franklin Boys Picked To Play In Optimist Bowl

Larry Cabe and Harley Stewart, fullback and tackle on the local eleven, were recently selected to play on the Western team in the Optimist bowl game to be played in Asheville Saturday, December 13. Football stars from all over Western North Carolina were chosen to play on this team, which will be coached by C. C. Poindexter.

This is the first time that any members of the Franklin eleven have ever been asked to participate in a bowl game anywhere, and might be considered equal to being named on an all Western North Carolina high school squad.