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BODY FROWNS ON HOSPITAL AID IN MACON

Highlands Group Raises \$4,000 For Community Hospital There

Macon County is unlikely to get federal and state hospital aid because this county's need is less urgent than that of others. This county, in fact, already has more than twice as many hospital beds per thousand population as the number set up as a minimum objective by the Federal hospital agency.

This was brought out in correspondence made public this week by the group seeking a community hospital in Highlands.

Meanwhile, it was announced that pledges totaling \$4,000 have been made by Highlands residents for the erection of the Highlands Community hospital. The announcement added that it is hoped that a definite statement may be made next week about donation of a site.

While the board of trustees of the Highlands project said they would continue to keep in touch with the State Medical Care commission, they feel that, if Highlands is to get a community hospital, it must do so through the efforts of its own people, working through the recently chartered Highlands Community Hospital, Inc., a non-profit corporation.

The question of a hospital for Highlands was brought up at a meeting of the Highlands Rotary club last March. Interested persons corresponded with the Medical Care commission, the American Medical association, and the Duke and Rockefeller foundations from June to September.

The result, however, was unfavorable, as indicated in the following excerpt from a letter from Dr. John A. Farrell, executive secretary of the Care commission:

"The commission has had some correspondence and one or more conferences regarding the hospital situation in Macon County. It already has a larger number of hospital beds per 1,000 population than has been set as an objective by the Federal Hospital agency. . . .

"With a population of about 14,000, Macon County already has 89 beds, which is more than six beds per 1,000 of population, whereas the objective of state and federal hospital agencies is only 2.5 beds per 1,000 of population for rural counties.

"You probably know that the slogan of the commission has been 'Hospital facilities within 25 miles of at least 90 per cent of the people.' Since you are only 20 miles from the two hospitals at Franklin, your claims for aid probably may not be considered as urgent."

Active solicitation of funds for the Highlands project will be discontinued, it was explained, until after Christmas. After the holidays, it is planned to issue a printed prospectus designed to answer various questions that might arise in the minds of prospective donors.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

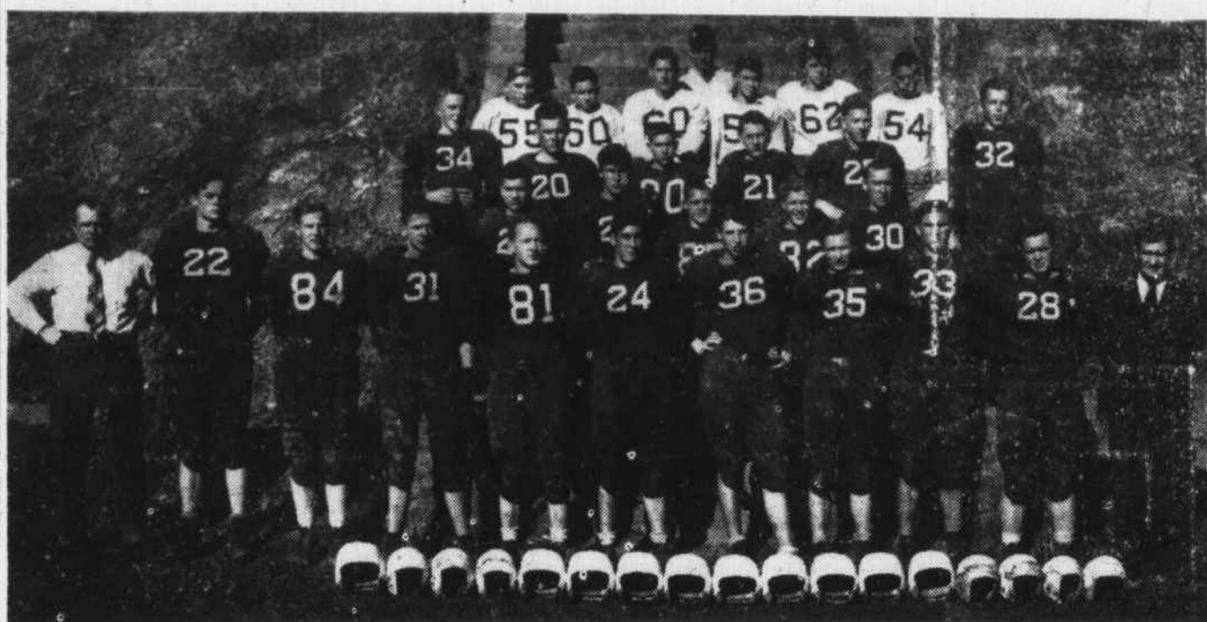
50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The election held on Nov. 29, in the town of Highlands resulted in the election of Dr. O'Farrell for mayor. This is the fifth consecutive term of the doctor to this office. J. J. Smith, J. Z. Gottwalls, John Manley, and W. T. Potts were elected commissioners.

That mine host Stallcup has to furnish Frank Rogers and Fred Siler board, and dinner every day for Jesse Sloan and ye editor, speaks well for the providing capacity of the Allman House. This is only an ad to let all those who read it know that there is always plenty more provided for all those who wish it.

25 YEARS AGO

At the meeting of the board of aldermen held last Monday night, Mr. T. J. Johnston tendered his resignation as mayor of Franklin, to take effect immediately. The board elected R. D. Sisk to fill the unexpired term.



HERE'S THE WINNING 1947 PANTHER SQUAD—Pictured above is the 1947 Franklin high school football squad. Their record of eight wins, one tie, and one loss is one of the best ever compiled by a local eleven. In making this record the Panthers scored 208 points, to their opponents 44. The usual starting line up for the season was, LE—Angel, Edgar; LT—Mooney, Neil; LG—Brown, Bill; C—McConnell, Steve; RG—Leopard, Francis or Welch, Kenneth; RT—Stewart, Harley; RE—Moses, Kelly; QB—Flanagan, John or Harmon, Earl; RHB—Gregory, Lyman; LHB—Mason, Clarence; FB—Cabe, Larry (Capt.) Bill Brown is the only member of this line up who is expected to return next year.

Front row—Coach W. F. Plyler; Lewis Welch, tackle; Clarence Mason, halfback; Johnny Flanagan, quarterback; Lyman Gregory, halfback; Steve McConnell, center; Edgar Angel, end; Captain Larry Cabe, fullback, Neil Mooney, tackle; Bill Brown, guard; and Coach William G. Crawford.

Second and third rows, left to right—Boyce White, center; John Alsop, guard; Francis Leopard, guard; Kelley Moses, end; Charles Thomas, fullback; Frank Henry III, halfback; Burton Leach, end; Earl Harmon, quarterback; Bob Parrish, tackle; Jack Tilley, end; and Ronald White, halfback.

Fourth row (in white jerseys)—Howard Johnson, line; John M. (Bardy) Archer, III, backfield; Bob Myers, backfield; Manager Dewey Elliott; Claude McFalls, line; George (Pat) Pattillo, line; and Harold Keener, end.

Harley Moore Stewart, right tackle, who was ill at the time the photograph was made, and Capt. Larry Cabe have been chosen to play in the Optimist Bowl at Asheville Saturday.

Court Fines, Forfeitures Total \$2,089

Fines collected and bonds forfeited during the December term of the superior court amounted to approximately \$2,019.75, according to J. Clinton Brookshire, clerk of the superior court.

Following the completion of the criminal docket Wednesday afternoon, eight divorces were granted by Judge Felix E. Alley, who presided.

Those who received divorces were: Dorothy Walker from David Walker; Charley W. Paul from Mary Joyce Paul; Ethel Martin from Dan Martin; Edgar Carter from Grace Carter; Ernest J. Messer from Della Messer; Leonard Rose from Dorothy Rose, Mary Wilson from Isaac Wilson; and Kibby L. Ramey from Mae W. Ramey.

Among cases on the civil docket which were continued until the next term of court are those of W. L. Reed, administrator of the estate of Sheridan Reed, deceased, vs. Katherine Otto and Gordon Otto; Arthur I. Rank vs. Vercalite Industries, Incorporated; and Mary Slier Higdon vs. T. B. Higdon, Jr., et al.

In the closing hours of the criminal term, Alveron Hall, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was ordered to pay the court costs and given a seven months' suspended prison sentence, and Troy Potts, charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, was ordered to pay the court costs and a \$50 fine. He also was ordered to surrender his driver's license and received a 60-day suspended sentence.

Court was adjourned by Judge Alley at noon Thursday.

Gribbin To Conduct Confirmation Rite Here Sunday Night

The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, of Asheville, bishop of the Western North Carolina Episcopal diocese, will administer the rite of confirmation at a service at St. Agnes church here Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. This will be Bishop Gribbin's last visitation here prior to his retirement.

He will conduct a similar service at the Church of the Incarnation, in Highlands, at 11 a. m. Sunday.

FIREMEN CALLED

A small blaze at the plant of Vercalite Industries, Inc., caused the fire alarm to be sounded Monday at noon. The fire, which was caused by a small quantity of oil catching fire, had been put out by the time the fire truck arrived, according to members of the Franklin fire department. The damage was reported as slight.

PLAN CANTATA SUNDAY NIGHT

Combined Choirs Of Two Churches To Present Christmas Program

The choirs of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Franklin will present a cantata, "Come, Let Us Adore Him," under the direction of Mrs. Lewis Manning, Sunday night, December 14, at 7:30 o'clock at the Franklin Methodist church.

Prior to the cantata, Mrs. Henry W. Cabe and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones will give a piano and organ recital of "The Holy City" by Stephen Adams.

The 20-voice choir which will take part in the program is composed of the following persons: Mrs. Sam Alexander, Mrs. Roy Cunningham, Mrs. Harold Sloan, Mrs. Grover Jamison, Mrs. Bob Sloan, Mrs. Earl Harmon, Miss Esther Wallace, Mrs. Hyldah Shepherd, Mrs. Cary Cabe, Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, Mrs. G. S. Winstead, Mrs. Neal Johnston, Miss Dorothy Jones, Mrs. A. G. Cagle, Mrs. Hoyt Evans, Mrs. John Bulgin, S. W. Mendenhall, Harold Lang, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, and the Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr.

The cantata program is as follows: "O Come Ye and Worship," Brahms, by the choir; "O Holy Light," Wagner, by Mr. Brendall; "Through Ages Darkened," Tschaiakowsky, the choir; "The Promised Land," Beethoven, the choir; "O Fear Not," Braga, by Miss Wallace and Mrs. Winstead; "Can This Be Messiah?," Tschaiakowsky, the choir; "Thou Art The Savior," Schubert, Mr. Lang and the choir; "We Found Our Lord," Wagner, the choir; "A Christmas Prayer," Schumann; woman's chorus; "Ye Shall Find the Lord of All," Beethoven, choir; "O Come, All Ye Faithful," 18th century melody, the choir.

County, 2 Towns Receive \$8,139 Beer, Wine Taxes

Macon County and the two municipalities lying within the county have received a total of \$8,139.47 as their shares in the first distribution of income from increased North Carolina taxes on beer and wine.

The check to the county received by Treasurer Lake V. Shope, was for \$7,201.73, while the Town of Franklin's share was \$644.24 and the Town of Highlands received \$293.50.

The 1947 general assembly doubled the crown and stamp taxes on beer and unfortified wines and directed that half of the revenue collected on beer and wine should be distributed to counties, cities, and towns

Drs. Angel Donate \$300 Each For Work At Slagle Memorial

Drs. Furman and Edgar Angel have contributed \$300 each to the development of the Slagle Memorial property, it was announced this week.

Dr. Edgar Angel made his donation to the Franklin Boy Scout troop for improvement of the memorial grounds, and the Scouts turned the check over to the board of trustees of the property.

Dr. Furman Angel's contribution is for improvement of the driveways leading from the highway up the hill to the memorial building.

Craft House

To Open With House Warming Monday

The Craft House at the Nonah Center, on Cartoog-cenaye, will be opened with a house-warming Monday afternoon from 2 to 4:30 o'clock.

All women of the community and other interested persons are invited to visit the center at any time during this period.

The opening will initiate a program of handicraft, starting with hand weaving, at the center. Four looms have been installed so far. The handicraft program will be under the direction of Miss Frances Barr.

For the Craft House, the old Greenwood home, near the Slagle school, has been renovated. It adjoins the center's new Clinic building, which is under construction.

The lower floor of the latter building will be used for recreation and community gatherings, while the second floor when completed will serve the community as a clinic.

The Nonah Center and handicraft program were initiated by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan.

'47 ELEVEN ONE OF TOWN'S BEST

On Thanksgiving day when the Franklin football team defeated the Clarkesville, Ga., high school eleven by a score of 39-12, the Panthers completed one of the best seasons any local eleven has ever had. They won 8 games, tied 1, and lost 1.

By defeating Clarkesville by such a one-sided score, the local team compiled a total score of 208 points for the season, to their opponents' 44. Football fans here feel sure that this is one of the two highest season's totals ever run up by a Franklin football team. While records are not available, it is recalled that the 1930 eleven also had a very high scoring record.

The scores for the season's 10 games were as follows: Franklin 13, Murphy 13; Franklin 20, Hayesville 6; Franklin 20, Sylva 0; Franklin 39, Robbinsville 0; Franklin 26, Asheville "B" team 0; Franklin 26, Sylva 0; Franklin 6, Bryson City 13; Franklin 13, Andrews 0; Franklin 7, Andrews 0; Franklin 39, Clarkesville 12.

The usual starting line-up was: LE, Angel; LT, Mooney; LG, Brown; C, McConnell; RG, Leopard or Welch, RT, Stewart; RE, Moses; QB, Flanagan or Harmon; RH, Gregory; LH, Mason; FB, Cabe (Capt.)

Society To Invite Alley To Make Address

Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, will be invited to deliver a public address in Franklin at an early date, under sponsorship of the Macon County Historical society, it was decided at Monday night's annual meeting of the society's membership.

The society also reelected all its officers, and decided to hold three or four meetings yearly, at which programs of historical interest and significance will be presented. The first of these is expected to be the public meeting at which Judge Alley will speak.

Officers reelected are: Mrs. Carl S. Slagle, president; the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, vice-president; E. W. Long, treasurer; and Miss Cecile Gibson, secretary. Also reelected were Gilmer A. Jones and Miss Lassie Kelly as members of the board of directors.

Miss Gibson, Miss Harriette Kinnebrew, and Mrs. Esther Freas were named as the membership committee, and it was pointed out that any person interested in helping to preserve the history of Macon County—whether they now live in the county or elsewhere—is invited to join. Regular memberships are \$1 a year; life memberships, \$25.

A committee made up of Weimar Jones, Mrs. W. W. Sloan and Thad D. Bryson, Jr., was named to plan the programs for the coming year.

ASK FOR VOTE ON WINE, BEER SALES IN MACON

Petition Signed By 2,500 Filed With County Election Board

A petition requesting that an election be called to determine whether the sale of beer and wine shall be outlawed in Macon County has been filed with the county board of elections.

The petition was presented to J. J. Mann, election board chairman, by R. H. Plemmons Monday. Mr. Plemmons said it bears about 2,500 signatures.

Mr. Mann called the board into session Tuesday to review the petition and discuss the legal aspects of the matter with County Attorney R. S. Jones.

If the petition is found to be in order, with the required number of signatures, the board will be called to meet again December 15 at 3:30 p. m. to set a date for an election, Chairman Mann said.

The law provides that, to be eligible to sign the petition, a person must have voted in the last gubernatorial election, and that the petition must bear signatures numbering not less than 15 per cent of the total who voted in Macon County for governor in the last election. The board said that 597 represents the required 15 per cent.

If the petition is found to be in order, the law requires the board, within 30 days, to set a date for an election. The law also provides that 30 days public notice of the election must be given. Another provision sets forth that such an election may not be held within 60 days of any other election.

Beer is now legally sold in Macon County. At present no licenses for the sale of wine are in effect.

Center Line

Marking Of 2 Highlands Highways Sought

The state highway commission will be asked to mark the Highlands-Dillard and Highlands-Cashiers highways with white center lines.

Decision to make the request was reached at Tuesday night's meeting of the Highlands Rotary club, following a round table discussion of the topic, "Highway Safety Measures". The club's secretary, S. C. Russell, was instructed to make the request by letter.

Invited guests present to take part in the discussion were Highway Patrolmen Pritchard Smith, Jr., and Jack Lunsford and Bob Sloan.

After the topic had been introduced by Mr. Russell and the floor thrown open by discussion, it was pointed out by several members that one of the greatest driving hazards in the Highlands is that area would greatly that white lines on all highways in that area would greatly help matters.

Following some discussion of the matter, Wilton Cobb, club president, instructed the secretary to take the matter up with state officials by correspondence.

The club also gave Patrolman Smith a vote of thanks for the outstanding work done by him in the apprehension of persons who participated in the series of housebreakings and robberies in the vicinity of Highlands this fall.

Alleys' Daughter, Aged 6 Weeks, Dies; Rites Held Dec. 6

Funeral services for Barbara Arle Alley, 10-weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alley of Otto, were held Saturday afternoon at the Asbury Methodist church. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The Rev. L. C. Stevens conducted the service.

The baby died at the home of her parents Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Will Start Depot Paving Soon As Weather Permits

Officials of the Asheville Paving company were in Franklin Monday and told town Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., that equipment will be moved here and work started on the paving of Depot street as soon as the weather permits.