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SITE DONATED FOR HOSPITAL IN HIGHLANDS

Miss Eva G. Cleaveland Gives Two-Acre Tract On Fifth Street

A site for the Highlands Community hospital has been donated by Miss Eva G. Cleaveland, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Highlands, it was announced this week by members of the board of trustees of the proposed hospital.

Miss Cleaveland notified members of the board a few days ago of her decision to donate a tract of about two acres.

The property is situated on Fifth street, immediately back of King's inn, and members of the board described it as one of the most valuable and conveniently situated pieces of property for such a purpose within the corporate limits of Highlands. With a frontage of 360 feet on Fifth street and a depth of 246 feet, the land gently slopes from the center to the rear and sides, and is an ideal plot for the T-shaped building that is planned, members of the board said.

It is wooded with white pine and hemlock. In addition, several large Oregon trees and a number of others not indigenous to this region—set out many years ago by the late T. G. Harbison in conjunction with his forestry work for Biltmore estate—are on the property. To assure preservation of these Tom C. Harbison has been asked to do the landscaping.

Miss Cleaveland, the donor of the property, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William B. Cleaveland, of Bridgeport, who settled in Highlands some 50 years ago. She is a sister of Mrs. Henry D. West, of Franklin. Mrs. H. P. P. Thompson and Mrs. W. M. Cleaveland are sisters-in-law.

Miss Cleaveland, who lived in Highlands with her parents many years ago, recently retired after 37 years' service with the First National Bank of Bridgeport, and spent last summer in her cottage on Fourth street, Highlands.

One section of the hospital is to be named in memory of Miss Cleaveland's sister, Mrs. Mabel E. Hays (mother of W. A. Hays, of Highlands) who for 17 years lived on the property donated.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 PEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The public school term closed last Friday. Rev. J. R. Pendergrass, principal, set up the apples and candy for the pupils Thursday.

R. L. Porter left Thursday for Clay county on a gauging tour in the United States revenue service.

Rev. J. J. Edes arrived Monday to take charge of the Franklin circuit. He came from Greensboro in his buggy and returned to Dillsboro yesterday to meet his wife who came on the train.

25 YEARS AGO

Mr. Robert Henry has been a visitor in the Stiles section for the past two weeks. Mr. Henry is putting men to flight and has captured three blind tigers. We the citizens of this community welcome Mr. Henry in every laurel thicket in the county.

Efforts being put forward by the Franklin board of trade to have the official Atlanta-Asheville highway routed through Franklin are meeting with success. Advantages of the Franklin route were recently enumerated in a letter to Georgia state highway department.

10 YEARS AGO

Franklin is now all dolled up in Christmas array and citizens are beginning to feel the stir of the holiday season. Evergreens have been twined around cables all up and down both sides of Main street and hundreds of red and green lights shine among the foliage. These, together with the lighted and decorated windows of the merchants, make the evening scene one of surpassing beauty.

\$300 Raised So Far In Drive To Bring N.C. Orchestra Here

Approximately \$300 has been raised to date in the campaign to bring the North Carolina symphony orchestra to Franklin next March, it was announced this week by W. W. Sloan, county chairman.

While this is slightly less than half of the county's quota of \$750, Mr. Sloan pointed out that he has received no report from Highlands and that a number of workers in Franklin also are yet to report.

Solicitation is to be discontinued, he said, until after Christmas.

LIONS TO SET UP DIME BOARD

Will Seek Aid For Needy, Particularly Children In Want Of Clothes

With a view to raising funds to aid the needy—particularly children—who need clothing in order to attend school—the Franklin Lions club plans to set up a dime board on courthouse square today. Passersby will be asked to place dimes on the board for the cause.

The decision to set up the dime board was reached at a three-hour meeting of the club's board of directors and interested members Monday night.

Meanwhile, it was decided that the club will pay for lunches for 15 needy children attending the Cowee school from Monday until the Christmas holidays start.

During the long discussion of the project, club member, including Dr. G. B. Woodard, Ernest Hyde, Elbert Angel, and President R. R. Gaines, cited cases of destitution which they said had come to their personal knowledge. The increase in the cost of living was mentioned as a major contributing factor to the situation.

Meanwhile, President Gaines asked that persons who know of families in need of help—especially where school children need clothing—notify Dr. Woodard, chairman of the club's committee on welfare.

All cases will be cleared through the office of the Macon County superintendent of public welfare, Mr. Gaines said.

400 Enjoy

Cantata Presented By Two Choirs

Approximately 400 persons filled the auditorium of the Franklin Methodist church for last Sunday evening's program of Christmas music, presented by the choirs of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

The program was directed by Mrs. Louis Manning, with Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones at the organ and Mrs. Henry W. Cabe at the piano.

Preceding the cantata, "Come Let Us Adore Him", Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Cabe played "The Holy City" as a prelude.

Solo parts in the cantata were taken by the Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., and Harold Lang, while Miss Esther Wallace and Mrs. G. A. Winstead sang "O Fear Not" as a duet.

Other members of the chorus were Mrs. Sam Alexander, Mrs. John Bulgin, Mrs. Carl Cabe, Mrs. Roy Cunningham, Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, Mrs. Hoyt Evans, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, Mrs. Earl Harmon, Mrs. Grover Jamison, Mrs. Neal Johnston, Miss Dorothy Jones, S. W. Mendenhall, Mrs. Hyldah Shepherd, Mrs. Bob Sloan, and Mrs. Harold Sloan.

HINT TO WIVES

Mr. Spriggins (gently): My dear, a man was shot at by a burglar, and his life was saved by a button which the bullet struck.

Mrs. Spriggins: Well, what of it?

Mr. Spriggins: Nothing; only the button must have been on.

BEG YOUR PARDON

In its issue of December 11, The Press incorrectly reported that Troy Potts was convicted of driving while under the influence of intoxicants. The charge was reckless driving. The error is regretted, and The Press is glad to make this correction.

MACON FARMERS INCREASE MILK INCOME \$43,435

1947 Progress On Farms Summarized In Report Of County Agent

An increase in milk production which has meant \$43,435.62 extra dollars for Macon farmers, the establishment of a weekly livestock market, and a large increase in the acreage of cover crops planted in this county were among the outstanding achievements in Macon County agriculture in 1947, according to the annual report of County Agent S. W. Mendenhall.

Total milk production during the year increased by 775,155 pounds. Of this total, there was an increase of 652,608 pounds of grade "A" milk, and 122,547 of grade "C".

Since July 2, weekly livestock sales have been conducted at stock yards constructed this summer by Verlon McCoy. The sales have averaged 200 head of stock a week and the receipts have averaged \$8,000 per sale. Previous to the establishment of the yards here the nearest market had been Asheville. Local sales have meant a lot to the farmer in saving transportation and time, Mr. Mendenhall's report said.

Land Improved

During the past year 8,549 acres of land were sown to cover crops, as compared with 1,981 in 1936. Of the total acreage for 1947, 2,061 acres were sown in ladino clover, a comparatively new legume in this section, alfalfa, 316 acres; lespedeza, 4,152 acres; vetch, 220 acres; red clover, 300 acres; Austrian winter peas, 910 acres; and crimson clover, 590 acres.

The report also showed that the average yield per acre for corn climbed from 27 bushels per acre to 30. Six farmers reported yields of 100 bushels or more to the acre. Those making this high average were: Frank Deal, 126 bushels; Fred Deal, 158.7 bushels; Bob Taylor, 121 bushels; Owen Ammons, 134 bushels; Walter Taylor, 121 bushels; and A. G. Kinsland, 113 bushels.

Objectives Listed

An interesting feature of the county agent's report was the listing of six objectives, which were adopted early this year by a committee of farm leaders, as 10-year aims. The objectives listed are:

All cropland and pasture to have lime and phosphate applied; all cropland to have a winter cover; all farmers to have a definite source of cash income from either poultry, milk, livestock, or truck crops; in as far as possible, all dairy breeders to use artificial breeding; all farms to produce their own supplies of meat, milk, and a variety of vegetables; all farmers to have water, lights, and other modern home conveniences and that all homes to be improved in appearance and comfort.

Other Facts

Some of the random facts recorded in the report, indicative that Macon farmers are working toward these goals:

3,678 tons of limestone spread. 1,296 tons of phosphate distributed.

2,052 tons of commercial fertilizer.

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A and B Drivers' Licenses Will Be Void After Dec. 31

Persons whose last names begin with A or B have a short time left in which to renew their driving licenses without fear of penalty. The license examiner will be in Macon County only five more days before January 1, the date for the expiration of licenses of A and B drivers. The motor vehicle department announced last week that, out of the estimated 150,000 A and B drivers in North Carolina, only about 90,000 had thus far obtained new licenses. Presumably, a similar proportion in Macon County have failed to act.

Person whose surnames begin with A or B, who are caught driving after January 1 on an old license, will be charged with a misdemeanor and, if found guilty, may be fined not less than \$25, according to a statement by Col. H. J. Hatcher, commander of the State Highway patrol.

Col. Hatcher added that he plans to have the patrolmen make spot checks along the highways after the first of the year for the purpose of catching delinquent A and B motorists.

Next Week's Press To Be Put In Mail Ahead Of Schedule

Both Christmas and New Year's this year fall on Thursday, the day The Press ordinarily is delivered to Macon County readers.

Since both these Thursdays will be holidays for R. F. D. carriers, rural readers would not receive their copies of the paper until it was 24 hours old, if the paper were published on Wednesday.

Due to this situation, the publication schedule for next week and the week after has been altered.

Next week's issue of The Press will be published 24 hours early, and will be put in the post office in Franklin Tuesday night, for delivery Wednesday, December 24.

Publication of the issue of the following week will be postponed 24 hours. Week after next, the paper will be published and placed in the post office Thursday, January 1, for delivery Friday.

80 ENROLL FOR FARM TRAINING

Brings Total Number Of War Veterans In Classes To 180

Eighty more Macon County veterans of World War 2 have been enrolled for on-the-job farm training, it was announced this week by E. J. Whitmire, who directs the program in this county. The new men will start their training early next month. This brings to 180 the total number taking on-the-job farm training, under the government's educational program for veterans.

Of the men enrolled, Mr. Whitmire said, the average veteran is 28 years of age, has about a fifth grade education, and is entitled to three years' on-the-job training.

Under the program, each man is required to attend a two-hour class each week, and a field supervisor spends at least two hours each week supervising the actual operations on the farm.

With the additional students enrolled, it will be necessary, Mr. Whitmire said, to break the group up into three sections for classroom work. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Under the federal set-up for the program, the vocational agriculture teacher in the county is director of the training. He is paid by the government at the rate of \$5 per student, but with the stipulation that his compensation may not exceed \$45 per month. In other words, Mr. Whitmire receives the same compensation for directing the training of 180 that he would for only nine.

Assisting him are five part-time instructors, who conduct the classes for a nominal compensation. They are Siler Slagle, Paul Nave, S. W. Mendenhall, Don Allison, and Dr. O. H. Burnside. All five are graduates of N. C. State college.

The four men responsible for field supervision of the students on the farm are Robert Parker, Harry Kinsland, and Max Parrish, all graduates of the

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Macon Voters To Ballot Feb. 14 On Beer, Wine Sales

Many Persons Disappointed In Bowl Game

More than 50 Macon County football fans journeyed to Asheville last Saturday to see the Optimist bowl game between all star squads representing the eastern and western sections of Western North Carolina. Harley Moore Stewart and Larry Cabe represented Franklin on the western squad.

While the game was a close, hard fought contest ending in a 0-0 tie, many of the spectators who had acquaintances or sons on the western squad were disappointed because of the small number of men who were given an opportunity to perform in this section's first bowl game.

Franklin, Bryson City, Sylva, and Murphy all had representatives on the squad, but they were afforded little opportunity to participate in the game. The two Franklin representatives were a little more fortunate than some of the other boys from this end of the state. Cabe was in the game for seven plays and Stewart participated in three or four. Other boys did not get in the game at all, or only for one or two plays.

It was particularly ironical to local fans, when the western squad had the ball within the ten-yard line, and a first down, to see Cabe, one of Western North Carolina's best running backs, sitting on the sidelines. The East took over on downs.

Among those attending the game from here were: Howard Reece, John Alsop, III, Charles Thomas, Frank Henry, III, Burton Leach, Cullen Bryant, Steve McConnell, John Archer, III, Frank Plyler, W. G. Crawford, Harley Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cabe, Miss Mildred Cabe, Wayne Stewart, Jack Tilley, Lyman Gregory, Roger Sutton, Bill Wilkie, Henry Wilkie, Jeff Angel, Bill Cabe, C. N. (Joe Dowdle, Kermit Dehart, Frank Henry, Jr., Winton Perry, Woodrow Reeves, Pritchard Smith, Jr., Miss Mary Slagle, Miss Mary Ellen Higdon, Miss Freida Mae Arnold, Kenneth Bryant, Paul Plemons, Charles Baldwin, Bill Huggins, Pat Pattillo, Alvin Stiles, Lee Guffey, Norman Blaine, Bill Gregory, James Stockton, Lewis Welch, Bill Brown, Charles Conley, Edgar Angel, Miss Agnes Dalton, Harding Angel, Miss Lucille Hannah, Miss Kathryn Long, Bill Sloan, R. S. Jones, and Bob Sloan.

Crowd Jams

Auditorium For P. T. A. Christmas Program

A crowd that overflowed the seating capacity of the school auditorium attended Monday evening's meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, which was given over to a Christmas program by students.

Following the devotional, given by Julia Hunnicutt, Carolyn Notstein, and Elizabeth Jones, Miss Esther Wallace's fourth grade room presented a pageant, depicting Christmas customs in other lands.

In the course of the play, Christmas carols of other lands were sung by groups from the rooms of Mrs. J. A. Flanagan and Mrs. Clinton Johnson. Among them was a Mexican song, sung in Spanish by Juanita Allen, who wore an authentic Mexican costume.

A number of students not on the program, helped with the costumes and representations, under the direction of Mrs. Hoyt Evans.

Following the program, a Christmas tea was given, under auspices of the P. T. A. hospitality committee.

Mrs. Weimar Jones, president, presided at the meeting.

The North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks now owns and operates 107 fire towers in 78 counties.

Election Is Called When Board Finds Petition For Vote In Order

Macon County voters will decide, at an election Saturday, February 14, whether the sale of beer and wine shall continue legal, or be outlawed, in this county.

The election was called by the county board of elections at a meeting it held in the office of the register of deeds Monday afternoon. The board's action was in accordance with an act of the 1947 general assembly, authorizing the holding of elections in counties and in municipalities of the state to determine whether or not wine and beer shall be legally sold in such counties and municipalities.

J. J. Mann, chairman of the board of elections, announced after the meeting Monday that the board found the petition, filed with Mr. Mann December 8, in order, and that it bears the signatures of a sufficient number of eligible voters of the county, to authorize the calling of the election.

The statute sets forth that, if 15 per cent of those who voted in the last election for governor sign a petition for an election on the sale of beer and wine, the board shall call the election.

No new registration is required, but the registration books will be open in the various precincts to enable those whose names are not on the books to register, Mr. Mann said. The books will be open at the regular polling places on the following three Saturdays: January 17, January 24, and January 31.

Saturday, February 7, will be challenge day.

As far as possible, the same judges and registrars who served in the last general election will be used for this special election, it was said.

If the majority of votes cast in the election oppose legal sale of beer and wine in this county, such sale will be banned, starting 60 days from the date of the election. If the majority favor legal sale, licensed dealers may continue sales.

In the event legal sales are banned in a county, however, the law permits a municipality, within that county, if the last federal census showed it had a population of 1,000 or more, to conduct its own election.

The February election will be the first time since before enactment of the Volstead act that Macon County voters had an opportunity to vote directly on the legal sale of alcoholic beverages. Beer and wine became legal in this county as a result of legislative enactment in 1933.

Fight Ends With One Man In Jail, One In Hospital

Following a fight which took place in Norton's cafe last Saturday night, Fred Young was admitted to Angel hospital for treatment and James P. (Putt) Hudson was arrested and placed in jail.

Young received severe knife wounds in the groin and side. Both men were released under bond. Hudson is charged with assault and disorderly conduct, and Young with assault and disorderly conduct. The hearing is set for December 22.

Officers said the affair started when the two men, both of whom had been drinking beer, became engaged in an argument, and Young struck Hudson in the face, breaking his glasses. When Young seized Hudson and began wrestling with him, Hudson is said to have got out his knife and cut Young in several places.

Tom Phillips, night policeman, broke up the fight, and Hudson was placed in jail and Young was sent to the hospital, but has since been discharged.

The U. S. navy yard at Mare Island, Calif., has an establishment covering approximately 3,200 acres.