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SPRIT OF YULE HERE AS SANTA, LIGHTS APPEAR

Lines For Christmas Lights Strung Along Street

Although a little belatedly, the Christmas spirit has struck Franklin.

Christmas lights for Main street and Santa Claus made their appearance early this week. Meanwhile, the town street force Monday had washed Main street, presumably in preparation for Santa's arrival.

It had appeared that the only downtown signs of Christmas that would be offered to the public were the decorations in store windows and the Christmas musical program from Bryant Furniture company, but everything changed suddenly.

"Mrs. Hush", of the radio, had been named, but Monday morning found everyone here trying to name Santa Claus, as he walked the streets, getting a preview of what the youngsters in Macon County wanted him to bring them on his trip down their chimneys on Christmas Eve.

Maybe Santa put a bug in someone's ear. But, whatever the reason, Tuesday morning found a crew from the Western Carolina Telephone company and members of the Franklin Lions club stringing lights from one end of Main street to the other, so that Franklin will be all dressed up in the proper seasonal garb, come Christmas morning.

12 PAGES THIS WEEK

In this week's 12-page issue: Franklin social news will be found on pages 2 and 3.

Legal advertising is on page 5, and the want ads on page 7. Highlands news is in the second section—pages 9 and 12.

And the editorial, also in the second section, will be found on page 10.

MISS CONLEY IMPROVING

Miss Charlotte Conley, who was admitted to Angel hospital last Tuesday for treatment of injuries received as the result of a fall, was discharged Friday and is recovering satisfactorily. Miss Conley received lacerations of the scalp and a slight concussion when she fell.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Hon. J. Frank Ray went to Raleigh last week to attend business before the supreme court.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction C. H. Mebane requests J. R. Pendergrass, county supervisor, to cordially invite the teachers of Macon County to attend the Supervisors' meeting in Raleigh on December 30.

At a business meeting held last Saturday at the Baptist church we learn that a call was made for the Rev. G. A. Bartlett to take charge of the church for the coming year.

25 YEARS AGO

Early last Wednesday morning we were visited by a fire which came near being disastrous so far as The Press was concerned, and only by prompt work by the fire department was a really big fire in the heart of Franklin's business district averted.

The fire was first discovered about 4 a. m. in the office upstairs over The Press and by the time the firemen were on the scene with the truck, a hole had burned in the floor and a lot of burning trash had fallen through in the front of The Press office. Soon the front of The Press office was a mass of flames.

10 YEARS AGO

Pension checks for Confederate veterans of Macon County were received last week and distributed by Harley R. Cabe, clerk of superior court. The checks are received semi-annually by the veterans. The veterans to whom the checks went are: L. M. Daves, Sam Picklesimer, J. R. Caldwell, W. M. Roper, and James Deal, Negro.

\$135, To Aid Needy Children, Placed On Lions' Dime Board

The dime board, which was set up by the Franklin Lions club on courthouse square last Thursday, had collected approximately \$135 Tuesday, according to Dr. G. B. Woodward, chairman of the committee which is handling the board.

This money will be used to help the needy children of Macon County, and the chairman said that, with another day to go before Christmas, it was hoped to raise \$200 for this purpose.

CHURCHES HOLD YULE SERVICES

Midnight Program Will Be Held Tonight At St. Agnes

The annual midnight service at St. Agnes Episcopal church this (Wednesday) evening will complete the series of special services held in Franklin churches to mark the Christmas season.

Tonight's service, held each Christmas Eve since the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan became rector of St. Agnes, will begin at 11:30 o'clock.

Members of all denominations are invited to attend the service and take communion, Mr. Morgan said. The annual service usually is well attended.

The Presbyterian church presented a special Christmas program Sunday night in the form of a pageant depicting the birth of Jesus.

The pageant was featured by a well directed choral program, and the various characters depicted in the play were appropriately costumed. The church was filled.

Taking part were: Miss Alice Slagle, pianist, Mrs. John Bulgin, Mrs. Claude Bolton, and Mrs. B. L. McGlamery, all as Christmas angels; J. Ward Long, reader; Mrs. Sam Alexander, choir director; David Alexander, Randolph Bulgin, Jeana Sue Cunningham, Lee Grant, Janet Gribble, Martha Jones, Martha Womack, and Ann Zachary, choir members; Mrs. James Dance, as Mary; Fred Bulgin, Barbara Duncan, Ann Fagg, Pat Gaines, Jane Long, John Moonney, Emma Siler, Charles Slagle, Douglas Slagle, and Douglas Vinson, child angels; Scott Byrd, Sandy Kinney, and Jack Mooney, shepherds; and W. A. Leach, Connie Potts, and Ross Zachary, Wise Men.

The candlelighting service was performed by Miss Lillian Jones, and a solo, "O Holy City" was sung by Miss Ann Flanagan.

Special Christmas music and Christmas parties by the various Sunday school classes were highlights of the Franklin Baptist church program last Sunday.

Santa Claus visited the Methodist church Sunday morning to hand out gifts to members of the younger Sunday school classes. At the 11 o'clock service the choir presented special Christmas numbers.

Zacharias Martin Taken By Death At Home At Oak Grove

Zacharias Martin, 66, who had been a cripple and semi-invalid most of his life, died at his home in the Oak Grove community Sunday morning at 4 o'clock. His death came following an illness of two weeks.

The son of John and Mary Brown Martin, he was born April 17, 1881, in Jackson county, and moved to Macon County at the age of two with his parents.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Sarah Ammons Martin; a son by a former marriage, Pink Martin, of Franklin, Route 3; six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Oak Grove Baptist church Monday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. C. C. Welch conducting the service. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Palbearers were Casey Barnett, Kermit Martin, Clarence Phillips, Glenn Davis, J. S. Ammons, and Claude Martin. Potts funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Louise Pendergrass, who is teaching at Sanford, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pendergrass.

MOVE LAUNCHED FOR GYMNASIUM AT HIGHLANDS

Rotary Club Will Seek Donations To Build School Structure

A movement to build a school gymnasium at Highlands, chiefly with funds raised by private subscription, has been launched by the Highlands Rotary club.

The plan calls for a structure to be built on a part of the site that has been acquired by the county board of education for the proposed new Highlands school.

Early erection of the steel framing and roof, so that the place could be used with a dirt floor, is planned, the building to be completed as funds become available.

At present, it was pointed out at the Rotary club's meeting December 16, the Highlands school has only a makeshift baseball field, no place for football, and is obliged to take its basketball home games to Rabun Gap or elsewhere that a court can be borrowed.

Charles J. Anderson, W. A. Bryson, and Frank H. Potts, the members of the Highlands district school committee, were present at the meeting, and took part in the discussion. Mr. Potts pointed out that approximately \$4,000, profits from operation of the Highlands school theatre, is available for the project, and several members of the club volunteered aid.

T. C. Harbison offered to donate 50 yards of sand, Wilton Cobb offered building materials available at his store at wholesale, and W. A. Hays offered concrete blocks and concrete at a discount.

The Boy Scouts, it was suggested, will be asked to help in clearing the ground for the building.

It was hoped that some definite plans can be made early in 1948.

Scores Home From School For Holidays

Scores of Macon County young men and women who are attending colleges and universities in various sections of the United States arrived home this week to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

The largest group, perhaps, is made up of those home from Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee. Among them are Misses Iva Dell Norton, Anna Howard, Iva Dean Roper, and Maxie Wright and Frank Murray, Jr., John Gibson Murray, Don Cabe, Dick Angel, Jack Angel, Charles Keener, Jack Blaine, and James Stockton.

Roger Rickman, James Patterson, Tom Setser, and Andrew J. and George E. Patton, all students at N. C. State, are here for the holidays.

Home from the University, at Chapel Hill, are James L. Huggins, Miss Merrily Brooks, Miss Barbara Stockton, Ciell Bryant, Miss Frances Furr, and T. W. Angel, III.

Howard Horsley is here from Wake Forest college.

Here from Mars Hill are Misses Annie Sue Conley, Mary Frances Dairymple, and Sidney Jean Barker.

Misses Anne Flanagan and Barbara Wallace are here from Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C.; Miss Jane Setser from Brevard college; Miss Dorothy Ray, from Columbia university, New York; Misses Betty Callahan, Carolyn Long, and Myra Slagle from Woman's college, Greensboro; Miss Elizabeth Wasilik, from the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Miss Rose Marie Harmon, from Meredith college, Raleigh; John Wasilik, III, from Catholic university, Washington, D. C.; and William Grant Zickgraf, from Riverside Military academy, Gainesville, Ga.

USE MORE GASOLINE

Motorists used 11.2 per cent more gasoline during the first six months of 1947 than during the corresponding period last year, according to Charles M. Upham, engineer-director, American Road Builders' association.

What Yule Card Symbols Mean

To my Darling Mother
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Welcome... HOLLY ON A CHRISTMAS CARD DENOTES A WARM WELCOME. THE ROMANS HUNG SPRIGS OF HOLLY OVER THEIR DOORWAYS TO SIGNIFY THEIR HOUSE WAS OPEN TO EVERYONE.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM, THE FIRST CHRISTMAS SYMBOL OF FAITH, IS THE NAME GIVEN TO THE STAR IN THE EAST, WHICH ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL, LED THE WISE MEN TO BETHLEHEM.

GOOD LUCK...
IN OLD ENGLAND THE YULE CANDLE WAS GIVEN A PLACE OF HONOR ON THE SUPPER TABLE AND BURNED CONTINUALLY FOR 12 DAYS. PIECES OF THE CANDLE WERE TREASURED AS SYMBOLS OF GOOD LUCK.

Gratitude...
HANGING STOCKINGS IS A CUSTOM BEGUN BY DUTCH SETTLERS WHO FELT SO MUCH GRATITUDE FOR THEIR PEACE OF HEART THEY PLACED TOYS AND SWEETS IN THEIR CHILDREN'S SHOES. LATER, STOCKINGS WERE USED.

FOR A DEAR AUNTIE AND UNCLE
Merry Christmas

LEGION STUDIES MEMORIAL FOR DEAD OF WAR 2

Will See 2 Boards About Problem Of School Attendance

Discussion of the school attendance problem in this county, appointment of a committee to investigate and report its recommendations on a suitable memorial for the Macon county dead of World War 2, and decision to hold two dances at the Slagle Memorial building during the holiday season, were highlights of the semi-monthly meeting of Macon County Post No. 108, American Legion, last Thursday night.

After some discussion of the school attendance problem, it was decided to ask a committee appointed by Commander Paul Nave several months ago to consult with the county board of welfare and the county board of education concerning the need of an attendance officer and to obtain counsel pertaining to the legal aspects of the compulsory law.

A committee with Gilmer A. Jones as chairman and W. H. Finley and W. R. Waldrop as members was asked by Commander Nave to make recommendation to the post at its next regular meeting on a memorial to those who gave their lives in World War II.

With the idea of furnishing some recreation during the holidays, particularly for young folk, the Legion voted to hold dances on Saturday night, December 27, and Wednesday night, December 31.

On motion of Gilmer Jones, merchants and other businesses throughout Macon County were requested to close their establishments for a period of one-half hour during the funeral services for Macon County men whose bodies are brought home from overseas.

The next meeting was set for the third Thursday in January, and the post will vote, at that time, on a resolution favoring the endorsement of the universal military training program.

Child Badly Burned As Tub Of Scalding Water Overturns

Jimmy Gregory, two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gregory, of Franklin, was critically burned Tuesday morning when a tub of scalding water turned over on the child, burning his entire body. He was taken to Angel clinic.

Auto Drivers Urged To Be Careful During Holidays

"Don't let death take your holiday," State highway patrolman, Pritchard Smith, Jr., warned Macon County motorists in a statement this week urging all persons driving during the holiday season to operate their vehicles in a "sane and sensible" manner.

"Above all, don't let death take your holiday. Remember one fatality on the highways of Macon County would cause several people of our county to have a sad Christmas. Don't let it happen to you," said the patrolman.

He added: "If you must drive a motor vehicle, leave the drinking off. Whiskey and gasoline won't mix. It's been tried time and time again. You have a one-way ticket to the cemetery when you purchase your booze, your gasoline, and step on the accelerator—this ticket is good at any time with an automobile." The state police official also pointed out that the laws in regard to speeding, reckless driving, and driving under the influence of liquor are stricter in North Carolina than ever before.

After pointing out that in 1946 six persons were killed on highways in Macon County, the patrolman said "we have had two killed so far this year", and he asked everyone help keep this number at two.

"We are counting on you to help us make the highways safe. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. And remember again, 'Don't let Death take your holiday,'" the patrolman repeated.

Mrs. Jacobs Succumbs At Age Of 90; Rites Held Monday

Mrs. Mary Cunningham Jacobs, 90, who was one of Macon County's oldest life long residents, died Sunday afternoon at her home in East Franklin. Death was attributed to pneumonia.

Mrs. Jacobs, daughter of the late Aron and Rhoda Sanders Cunningham, was born June 23, 1857 and had lived her entire life in Macon county. She was a member of the Franklin Methodist church.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon with the Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, and the Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, conducting the service. Burial followed in the Franklin cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Floyd Jacobs, Jr., Kenneth Jacobs, D. L. Johnson, Bobby Jacobs, and Ruel Waldrop, grandsons, and Walter Cunningham.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Lelia Jacobs, of the home, and Mrs. Tom Johnson of East Franklin; three sons, Floyd and Fred Jacobs, both of Franklin, and Henry Jacobs of Detroit, Mich.; two brothers, Curtis Cunningham, of Coweeta, and Riley Cunningham, of Franklin, Route 2; 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made by Bryant funeral home.

Schools In Macon Are Closed For Holidays

Following the exchanging of gifts with fellow students at classroom parties and amid cries of "Merry Christmas" and "See you next year", hundreds of Macon County school children left their schools last Friday, some to return Monday, December 29, and others on January 5.

Schools in District No. 1, which include those in Franklin and vicinity, will reopen on January 5, while districts Nos. 2 and 3, which include the schools in the Highlands and Nantahala areas, will reopen December 29, according to G. L. Houk, county superintendent of schools.

Hudson, Young Case Continued Till January 6

The case of James P. Hudson and Fred Young, when it came before Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., Monday, was continued, at the request of the defendants, until January 6.

The hearing was scheduled, following arrest of the two Saturday night, December 14, when they became engaged in a fight.

In the account, published in The Press last week, several inaccuracies occurred, and correction is cheerfully made.

The fight occurred in the Sandwich shop, instead of Norton's Cafe. The Sandwich shop, is owned by Paschal Norton and Lester Arnold, is next door to Norton's cafe. Mr. Hudson was not placed in jail, but, after being arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was released on bond.

Nantahala School Splits With Sylva In Double-Header

The Nantahala High school girls' basketball squad dropped its first game of the season when the Nantahala girls lost to Sylva, in a nip-and-tuck contest, by the score of 25 to 23.

The Nantahala boys defeated the previously unbeaten Sylva boys by a score of 41 to 38.

Next Week's Press Will Be Delivered To Readers Friday

Due to the New Year holiday next Thursday—the day The Press ordinarily is delivered to Macon County readers—next week's issue will be published and placed in the Franklin post office late Thursday, and will be delivered to readers in Franklin and on the rural routes Friday morning.

Miss Ann Flanagan, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, will leave Christmas day to attend a conference of Christian student volunteer workers at Lawrence university in Missouri.