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### Board Considers Digging New Well

#### Check On Cost Ordered After Discussion Of Town Water Supply

A discussion of the problems of water supply for the town of Franklin was the highlight of Monday night's town board meeting. After several members expressed the idea that the board should take care of next water needs was to dig a well, the board ordered an investigation of the cost of drilling a well capable of producing 70 to 100 gallons per minute.

Steps taken up by the board include the revoking of a salary for E. W. Long, town clerk, which was ordered by the board last July; report on the funds received from the parking meters; and the hearing of several delegations. The water supply discussion was introduced by Board Member Erwin Patton, who said that he felt the board shouldn't wait until next summer, when the water runs low again, to consider the problem, but that the board should begin now to try to find ways to increase the supply.

Alderman L. B. Phillips said that he wasn't in favor of any wells, but that it looked like the only thing the town could do to meet next summer's needs was to drill another well. Mr. Patton and Alderman Russell Cane agreed. Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., said that most of the people he had talked to were not in favor of a bond issue at this time and that it would be necessary to vote bonds if the town were to install a watershed.

At this time Councilman E. J. Whitmire asked if the town had the funds necessary to dig and equip a well. Mayor Angel replied that he thought so.

Whitmire, asked by Mayor Angel what was his opinion on the matter, said that "he felt that the matter should be put before the public." He added that the people should have an opportunity to vote bonds if they wanted to.

Several members agreed with this, but pointed out that it would be impossible to acquire and equip a well capable of putting into use a watershed in

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### S. R. CROCKETT TAKEN BY DEATH

#### Hazelwood Minister Was Former Maxwell School Superintendent

The Rev. Stuart Raper Crockett, 68, pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church and well known former Macon resident, died Tuesday morning at 5:30 o'clock at the C. J. Harris community hospital in Sylva. He had been in apparent good health until a few weeks ago when he became ill and was taken to the hospital.

The body was taken to Hazelwood Tuesday and funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the Hazelwood Presbyterian church, with the Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, the Rev. C. Malcom Williams, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian church, and the Rev. R. T. Houts, of Cullowhee, conducting the service. Burial took place at Edgefield, S. C., home of his daughter, Mrs. M. H. Mimms.

Mr. Crockett was well known in Macon County and throughout Western North Carolina, having served as superintendent of the former Maxwell school located here from 1929 to 1932, as pastor of the Waynesville church, 1920-29, and the Hazelwood, Bethel, and White Oak churches in Haywood county, from 1942 until his death.

A great story teller and lover of family and group gatherings, Mr. Crockett was often the honored guest at family gatherings throughout this section of the state.

A graduate of Central university, Richmond, Ky., and the Louisville theological seminary, he held his first pastorate at Madisonville, Ky., and then served as pastor of the New Providence church in Tennessee from 1907-1918. He also served as a chaplain in the first world war.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Marie L. Ramsey, of Madisonville, Ky.; two sons, Howe Taylor Crockett and John Stewart Crockett; a daughter, Mrs. Mathew H. Mimms, of Edgefield; three brothers, Dr. E. K. Crockett, of Carlizzo Springs, Texas, C. C. Crockett, of Dublin, Ga., and A. C. Crockett of Bradenton, Fla.; and one sister, Mrs. Paul Faloir, of Washington.

### Mrs. Estep Dies At Hospital Here; Was Macon Native

Mrs. Hallie Bradley Estep, 33, of Swain county, a Macon County native, died Saturday at a Franklin hospital.

Mrs. Estep, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bradley, of the Oak Grove community, was the wife of Grady Estep, of the Brush Creek section of Swain county.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Oak Grove Baptist church, with the Rev. Gordon E. Scruggs and the Rev. C. C. Welch conducting the service.

Pallbearers were Olin, Howard, Ralph, Arlin, and Willard Bradley, and Morgan Shatley.

Survivors, besides her husband, are an infant son; one sister, Mrs. Earl Rickman, of Brevard; and four brothers, Edwin, Horace, and John Bradley, of Franklin, Route 2, and Conley J. Bradley, of Alaska.

Potts funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

### Mooney Purchases Gas Station From Auto Parts Firm

C. J. Mooney, of the Mooney Motor company, announced Tuesday that he has purchased the Gulf filling station which has belonged to the Auto Parts and Equipment company.

The filling station, located on the Murphy highway, is in the same building as the Mooney Motor company and will be operated as a part of that business.

The purchase price was not disclosed.

### Polio Campaign To Get Under Way Here January 15

J. H. Stockton has been appointed Macon County chairman for the annual fund for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, it was announced this week.

The campaign will start January 15, Mr. Stockton said.

While officials of the local chapter have not yet been notified what this county's 1948 quota is, Mr. Stockton pointed out that Macon County has a habit of oversubscribing its quota in this campaign to aid children crippled by infantile paralysis, and said he felt sure it will do so again this year.

### FAGG IS NAMED TO FARM POST

#### Again Assumes Duties As Assistant County Farm Agent

Thomas H. Fagg was appointed assistant county agent by the Macon County board of commissioners at their meeting Monday.

The appointment was to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of G. B. Lixon last summer.

Mr. Fagg had formerly held this position from April, 1939, to May, 1946, except for a period of 27 months during the war, when he was in service. Since his resignation from this position in 1946, he has been employed as plant manager of the Nantahala creamery.

The new assistant will devote a major portion of his time to assisting in the increasing of livestock production in Macon County and will have charge of the boys 4-H club work in this county. Mr. Fagg is a graduate of Clemson college.

The commissioners voted to ask Dr. O. H. Burnside, who has been temporarily occupying an office in the Agricultural building, to find an office for the practice of his profession of veterinary medicine by February 1. The Agricultural building is public property.

Other business taken up by the commissioners was correcting of tax valuations for R. S. Peek and I. T. Peek, approval of a petition by citizens of the Cullasaja community that a road running from Salem Methodist church to Bryson branch be placed on the state system for maintenance, and approval of a bill to J. P. Bradley for December jail expenses of \$61.25.

### Highways Kept Passable Despite Fall Of Snow

Although snow fell most of the day Sunday throughout Macon County, due to the high temperature and constant work of the highway maintenance crews, the main highways remained passable at all times.

In a large portion of the county the snow did not stick, but in the Wallace Gap, Nantahala, and Cowee mountain sections two to three inches of snowfall on the roads made it necessary to send out maintenance crews.

In the Highlands section, freezing temperatures, Monday morning formed ice on the roads, but bright sunshine that morning melted the ice by afternoon.

### DRUNK DRIVING AT PEAK

Raleigh, N. C., Jan 7.—Drunk driving convictions in North Carolina reached an all-time high in 1947, with 9,059 persons losing their right to drive because of drunken driving.

### '47 Postal Receipts Here Set Record For Peacetime

Postal receipts at the Franklin post office in 1947 set an all-time record for a peacetime year.

The total was \$21,779.01, it was announced this week. Postal receipts usually are considered a reliable barometer of general business conditions. Last year's total exceeds by \$689.91 the 1946 receipts of \$21,090.

### Board Seeks Cost Figures On Erecting Schools Now

### SLAGLE NAMED TO N. C. BOARD

#### Cherry Appoints Macon Man To Membership On Agriculture Body

Appointment of A. B. Slagle of Franklin to the state board of agriculture was announced by Governor R. Gregg Cherry January 3.

Mr. Slagle, one of Western North Carolina's leading dairymen, will serve until 1951, filling out the unexpired term of D. Reeves Noland, of Waynesville, who resigned last week when he was appointed to the state highway commission. So far as is known, Mr. Slagle is the only Macon County man serving on a state board.

Besides being a prominent dairyman and farmer, Mr. Slagle is well known in local political and civic circles, having served as sheriff of Macon County for 12 years and as member of the county board of commissioners for one term. He is an active member of the Franklin Rotary club and of the local Masonic lodge.

He will be sworn in when the agriculture board meets next Friday.

### Novis Gibson Succumbs; Rites Held Last Sunday

Novis Gibson, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will D. Gibson, of the Leatherman community, died at his home last Friday night.

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Liberty Baptist church, with the Rev. C. C. Welch conducting the service. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Perry Shepherd, Lindsay Hadden, Fred Messer, Arthur Jones, Crawford Jones, and Doyle Painter.

Surviving, besides the parents, are his widow; three children, Theodore, Pauline, and Novis, Jr.; and two sisters, Mrs. Lonnie Jones, and Mrs. Willie Mae Messer, of Franklin, Route 3.

The arrangements were handled by Bryant funeral home.

### Miss Conley Opens Courthouse Candy And Drink Stand

A small stand for the sale of candy, soft drinks, and sundry items was opened in the courthouse Tuesday by Miss Charlotte Conley.

The stand is situated in a small room just under the stairway on the left hand side as one enters the courthouse.

Miss Conley received permission from the county board of commissioners to use this space for the stand and received aid from the North Carolina Rehabilitation commission in meeting the expense of setting up the stand.

### Pian W. M. U. Leaders' Conference January 10

A Baptist W. M. U. Leaders' conference will be held at Bryson City Saturday, January 10, at 10 a. m. All officers are urged by Mrs. Henry D. West, associational superintendent, to attend.

Mrs. West stressed the importance of their presence and asked that everyone who planned to go to be at the Baptist church at 8:30 Saturday morning.

Anyone who desires to go and does not have a way is requested to contact Mrs. West or call 2547 as soon as possible.

### Carver Infant Is First To Arrive Here In New Year

A daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes J. Carver, of Franklin, Route 4, is believed to have been Macon County's first 1948 baby.

Young Miss Carver, born 15 minutes after midnight on New Year's morning, was the winner by eight hours over two other known contestants for the honor of being the first 1948 baby to arrive within the confines of this county. The baby was delivered by Dr. C. N. Winstead, of the staff of Angel clinic.

Runner-up position in the 1948 stork derby was won by Miss Brenda Kaye Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, also of Route 4. Miss Thompson arrived at the Angel clinic at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

A third arrival, who was marked to show in the Derby race, was Thad Howard Clark, who made his arrival at 12:30 p. m. Thursday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, of the Oak Grove section.

### Attendance Law Is Cited By Mrs. Potts

Despite the fact that it is understaffed, the Macon County department of public welfare stands ready to "do our best with the school attendance problem", Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, superintendent, said this week.

Mrs. Potts, in a statement made public Tuesday, called attention to the provisions of the law with reference to school attendance.

Her statement follows: "With the arrival of 1948 and the reopening of the Macon County schools, we wish to call attention to the school attendance law in order that all of us may do a better job for the children of the county.

"Article 42, General Compulsory Attendance Law. Every parent, or guardian, or other person in the state having charge or control of a child between the ages of seven and 16 years is required to see that such child attends school regularly.

"The state board of education has prescribed what shall constitute truancy, what causes may constitute legal excuses for temporary non-attendance due to physical or mental inability to attend, and under what circumstances teachers, principals, or superintendents may excuse pupils for non-attendance due to immediate demands of the farm or home in certain seasons of the year in the several sections of the state.

"Any parent, guardian, or other person violating the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be liable for a fine of not less than \$5, nor more than \$25, and upon failure or refusal to pay such fine, the said parent, guardian, or other person shall be imprisoned not exceeding 30 days in the county jail.

"We agree with Dr. Ellen Winston, state commissioner of public welfare, in her statement which follows: 'The basic problems involved in failure of children to attend school are not solved solely by a law compelling attendance. There must be facilities for meeting the basic needs of children who are out of school because of social or

### Has 7-Year Record For Perfect Sunday School Attendance

For the seventh time, Miss Virginia Cansler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cansler, of Franklin, Route 3, has won an award for perfect Sunday school attendance for a year. Her seventh gold bar pin was presented to her Sunday, December 21, by the Iotia Methodist Sunday school.

### Will Meet With Architect; Group Asks Attendance Law Be Enforced

The county board of education, at its meeting Monday, decided to ask Lindsey Gudger, architect for the proposed school building program in Macon County, to meet with the board as soon as possible, bringing with him cost estimates.

This decision was upon motion of Bob S. Sloan.

Mr. Sloan explained that his purpose is "to get the ball rolling" on the school building program. The board also heard a delegation from Nantahala ask for enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law and for assistance on the school and gymnasium electric light bill. The group was told that the problem of school attendance, in the present situation, is primarily one for citizens of the community. The board agreed to pay the light bill, not to exceed \$5 monthly.

In making his motion, Mr. Sloan explained that the \$400,000 school building bonds voted in 1945 were authorized with a view to providing this county one school for Negroes and eight for whites. Two have been built already, and the program called for new buildings in the Cartoogechaye, Highlands, Prentiss, Iotia-Burningtown, Millshoal, and Nantahala communities, and a new building for Negroes, and modernization of the school at Franklin. Since that time, he added, building costs have greatly increased. In order to know how to proceed, he suggested, it was desirable to get cost estimates, building by building, and thus see how far the money will go.

In response to questions from Mr. Sloan, County Superintendent G. L. Houk said the county now has about \$50,000 in its capital outlay fund (raised by an ad valorem school tax), and the county's total property valuation since 1945 would make legal the issuance, if the voters approved, of an additional \$100,000 in bonds. That would bring the total available to \$550,000.

In the course of the discussion, Mr. Houk said the cost of erecting school buildings today is about \$8,500 per room, and that a total of approximately \$700,000 to \$750,000 would be required to carry out the program as originally planned. The difference in that total and the amount of bonds the county legally can issue, he said, is just about the amount Macon County would have received under a proposal, made in the last general assembly, for state aid to counties in school building. The bill embodying the proposal failed of passage.

Mr. Houk later said the total cost of the building program probably could be scaled down somewhat by eliminating from each building everything but the barest essentials. He also suggested that he felt it unnecessary to construct a building at Prentiss now.

Mr. Sloan emphasized, throughout the discussion, that the superintendent has the responsibility of operating the schools and that he felt the members of the school board should assume a considerable share of the work in connection with the building program. Other points made in the discussion:

The bonds voted in 1945 must be issued within the next year, or the authority for their issuance will expire.

The Local Government commission has ruled the bonds may not be issued until the board is ready actually to start a building program.

It would take some time, even if the board started now, to get

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### The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded by the Coweta Experiment station, follow:

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	59	29	0
Thursday	57	53	.30
Friday	38	27	1.15
Saturday	48	19	.01
Sunday	47	23	0
Monday	46	28	.04
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### Do You Remember ... ?

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... AGO ... of the stock- ... ank of Frank- ... on Wednesday, Janu- ... 5, all officers and directors were re-elected and the condition of the bank, as reported, showed that 1937 had been a satisfactory year.

The officers and directors selected are as follows: W. A. Rogers, president; M. D. Billings, vice-president; H. W. Cabe, cashier; L. B. Limer, assistant cashier; directors—C. F. Moody, chairman; M. L. Dowdle, H. W. W. A. Rogers, M. D. Billings, Grover Jamison, R. S.