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## FRANK MOODY, HEAD OF BANK BOARD, DIES

Rites For Well Known Moody Farm Owner Held Tuesday

Charles Frank Moody, 82, well known Macon County business man and farmer, and former chairman of the board of commissioners, died at his home in the Iotla community Sunday morning. He had been ill for several weeks.

Mr. Moody, a native of Haywood county, was the son of the late Julius J. and Mary Evelyn Boyd Moody.

After coming to Macon county in 1914, he purchased the Norman Barnard farm in the Iotla valley, which he developed and operated as the Moody tourist home, a popular summer resort, for a number of years.

He was elected a director of the Bank of Franklin in 1928 and had been on the board continuously since then, having served as chairman during recent years. In 1922 he helped to form the Macon County Building and Loan association.

Despite his many business enterprises, which included the operation of several saw mills and mica mines, he found time to serve several terms as chairman of the board of county commissioners and also as county tax assessor for some time.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Charles E. Parker, Mr. Moody's pastor, the Rev. R. P. McCracken, of Waynesville, and the Rev. Hoyt Evans conducting the service. Burial followed in the Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were Paul, Arvil, and Will Swafford, Weldon Fouts, Boyd Burrell, W. W. Pett, W. L. Childers, and Verlon Poindexter.

Directors of the Bank of Franklin—M. L. Dowdle, Henry Cabe, Fred Arnold, Grover Jamison, A. B. Slagle, and Richard S. Jones—served as honorary pallbearers.

Surviving are his widow; four daughters, Miss May Beryl Moody and Mrs. Lyman Higdon, both of Franklin, Mrs. N. W. Garrett of Waynesville, and Miss Nora Moody, of Franklin, now at Peabody college, Nashville, Tenn.; two sons, Jack Moody, of Tacoma, Wash., and Wade Moody, of Knoxville, Tenn.

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**Do You Remember ... ?**  
(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
Some evil disposed person has fired three pistol balls through the glass of one of the front windows of John C. Wright's house now unoccupied.

Boney Rldley was in town Saturday walking as though he was trying to track a water moccasin. He was supercharged with wig-wag drops.

Dr. H. S. Lucas and D. C. Cunningham made a trip to Almond and returned the latter part of last week on an inspection tour of the route between Franklin and Almond, with a view to its adaptability for building a railroad or first class pike road. We learn that they were highly pleased with the route.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
On January 28th George B. Patton went to Raleigh with several law students to take the bar examination. The next morning Mr. Patton's name, along with several other men of Carolina, appeared in The Durham Morning Herald, as having passed the bar examination, thus automatically making a member of the Bar association. Mr. Patton is a very astute law student and we can see much success in the world.—Chapel Hill Item.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Tom Bryson, register of deeds, B. Byrd, chairman of the commissioners, and George B. Patton, attorney for the Town of Franklin, went to Raleigh Sunday to sign refunding bonds for Franklin township and Macon County in the amount of \$896,000.



C. F. MOODY

## THIS DISTRICT HAS NO SENATOR

But Special Election May Pick One Who'll Never Serve

Should an emergency cause Gov. Cherry to call a special session of the North Carolina general assembly on short notice, this senatorial district would have no representative in the upper chamber, inquiry discloses.

Furthermore, Macon County would be represented by a man who no longer lives in this county.

A third queer quirk in the situation is the fact that the voters in Macon, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain counties (which make up the thirty-third senatorial district) probably will vote soon in a special election to name a state senator who, may never serve.

The senate vacancy occurred Tuesday when Baxter C. Jones, of Bryson City, state senator from this district, took the oath of office as solicitor of the twentieth judicial district. When he qualified for the latter post, he automatically ceased to be state senator.

Macon's representative, Herbert A. McGlamery, who presumably will continue to hold that office until a successor is elected next fall and qualifies, now lives in Buncombe. Mr. McGlamery accepted a state post as probation officer shortly after the 1947 legislative session, and last spring moved his family to Asheville, where he maintains headquarters.

When a state senator dies or becomes disqualified, the law provides that the chairman of the board of elections in the county in which the senator lives (in this case, Swain county) shall notify the governor. It then becomes the duty of the governor, the law sets out, to call a special election in the senatorial district to name a successor to fill out the unexpired term. The presumption appears to be that the nominees would be chosen by the senatorial committees of the two parties.

Since it takes approximately

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**Scout Honor Court Will Be Held Here Tonight At 7:30**

A Smoky Mountain district Boy Scout court of honor will be held here tonight (Thursday), the first held in Franklin in about five months.

The ceremony will be conducted at the Franklin Methodist church, starting at 7:30.

Scouts are expected from Bryson City, Highlands, Sylva, Cullowhee, and Cherokee, and promotions will include all ranks except Eagle.

The Smoky Mountain district embraces Macon, Swain, and Jackson counties.

**Fulton Has Court Papers Dated Before Revolution**  
Robert Fulton, of the Sugar Fork community, has in his possession interesting old papers brought to Macon County by Mr. Fulton's grandparents, Robert and Nancy Bason Fulton, when they moved to Macon from Orange county in 1822.

## JOHN H. DALTON, 76, WELL KNOWN SURVEYOR, DIES

Colorful Figure Had Held County Post For 39 Years

John H. Dalton, long-time county surveyor and colorful figure, died Saturday night at his home in the West's Mill community, following a short illness. He was 76.

Born at the "Uncle Gum" Dalton place, on the head of Cowee Creek, January 16, 1872, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dalton, Mr. Dalton had spent his life in this county and since early manhood had been a leader in civic and political affairs in his community, and active throughout the county. He had served as county surveyor for 39 years.

In his early life, he taught school in this county, and during the 20's served as a road supervisor. He was known as a student of the early history of this county.

Funeral services were held at the Snow Hill Methodist church Monday afternoon at 2:30, with the Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor, the Rev. George Cloer, and the Rev. C. C. Welch conducting the service. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

The body lay in state at the church from 2 p. m. until time for the service. All Mr. Dalton's nine children were here for the funeral.

Pallbearers were Carroll Reynolds, John G. Murray, C. T. Dalton, Woodrow Queen, George Gibson, Weaver Holbrooks, Marshall Queen, and Sam Gibson, Jr., all nephews.

Honorary pallbearers: R. R. Rickman, Robert Sheffield, Will Holbrooks, Clyde N. West, Dock Clark, Jess Shuler, Albert Raby, Carr Bryson, J. E. Allen, Tom M. Rickman, J. C. Sorrells, James R. Parrish, Robert Gibson, Edd H. Parrish, R. D. West, James Brogdon, Dr. J. L. West, J. B. Elmore, Robert Rickman and E. O. Rickman.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ada Gibson Dalton; six sons, Lon J. Dalton, of Franklin, Carl V. and Joel, both of Franklin, Route 3, Crawford and Roger, both of Gastonia, and Lyman Dalton, of Greenville, S. C.; three daughters, Mrs. Frank Holbrooks and Mrs. Ralph Shelton, both of West Asheville, and Mrs. Robert Morgan, of Franklin, Route 3; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; seven brothers, Grady and Will Dalton, both of Franklin, Route 3, Dock Dalton, of Highlands, Buel Dalton, of Franklin, Route 4, Ed Dalton, of Mooresville, and George and Manuel Dalton, both of Gastonia; and a sister, Mrs. Frank Queen, of Canton.

**Highlands Plans Valentine Fete Saturday Night**

A community Valentine carnival is planned for Saturday night at Helen's Barn, Highlands, for the benefit of the Highlands Community hospital. The carnival, set to open at 7 o'clock, will be given under the auspices of the Highlands Satalah club, a woman's organization, and the Highlands Rotary club. Benny McGlamery, of Franklin, will serve as auctioneer. (Details will be found on the Highlands page, page 7.)

**FINDS JOBS FOR 119,326**  
Jobs were found in 1947 for 119,326 workers in local non-agricultural employment, 40,051 of them veterans, 40,247 of them women, and 6, 275 of them physically handicapped, it is revealed in a report made by Director Ernest C. McCracken of North Carolina State Employment Service division.

The paper is remarkably well preserved, and the ink of that day evidently was of good quality, since the writing is clearly legible—though the style of writing makes it difficult reading. One paper, dated "Orange August court, 1774", sets forth that the court "ordered that the estate of Jacob Beason, deceased, be sold by the executors, agreeable to law, and that they

## Voters To Ballot Saturday On Beer And Wine Unless Injunction Halts Election

Simple Arithmetic  
(Editorial)

When you and I go to the polls for Saturday's election, nobody has the right to tell us how we shall vote. That is a matter for our individual judgments and consciences.

But good citizenship demands—in this election, and all others—that we do go to the polls and that we do vote.

Here is why:  
Let us suppose, for a moment, that there are only 100 qualified voters in Macon County. Then let us suppose that only 60 of them take the trouble to go to the polls. And, finally, let us suppose that the count of ballots at the end of the day is 35 one way, 25 the other.

The 35, of course, will have won the election. But they are only 35 out of 100!

We would have the spectacle, then, of 35 voters telling the other 65 in the county what policy shall be followed.

That is rule by minority—the very opposite of all our democratic traditions.

## 4-H CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED

Scholarships First Prizes For Doing Job Better With Electricity

A 4-H club boy and a 4-H club girl in Southwestern North Carolina is going to win a \$100 college scholarship, each, between now and October 1.

These two first prizes will go to one boy and one girl in a five-county area for finding better ways to do things on the farm or in the home, by the application of electricity.

The contest was announced here this week by W. W. Sloan, agricultural agent for the Nantahala Power and Light company, and S. W. Mendenhall, Macon County farm agent. The prizes are offered by the power company, while the contest will be conducted by the Extension service, which is headed in this county by Mr. Mendenhall.

The counties included are Macon, Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, and Graham.

Second prizes in the area—will be \$50 gold wrist watches. In addition, the boy and the girl who has the best project in each of the five counties will be given a free trip to Raleigh to attend next fall's 4-H club electric congress there.

The contest in this region is being conducted in cooperation with the State Extension service and the Westinghouse Electric company, which is offering additional prizes.

The Westinghouse firm will give a gold medal to the winner.

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## Mrs. Welch Is Claimed By Death At Age Of 81

Mrs. Sallie C. Welch, 81, died Tuesday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. George Southards, in the Rose Creek section of Macon County.

She was the widow of Dr. J. L. (Fate) Welch and a member of the Rose Creek Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Rose Creek Baptist church, with the Rev. C. C. Welch and the Rev. Arvil Swafford conducting the service. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dover Burnette, Hall Welch, Claude Bradley, Hobart Burnette, Charles Morrison, Glenn Campbell, Floyd Bradley, and Ernest Cabe, Jr.

Survivors include four children, Mrs. Southards, Mrs. Bradley Burnette, Mrs. Hillard Bradley, and Austin Welch, all of Franklin, Route 3; a step-son, Dock Welch, of Franklin, Route 3; 32 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

Potts funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

## Macon Folk Again Contribute More Than Polio Quota

Again Macon County people have given more than was asked of them in the fight against infantile paralysis.

This county's 1948 polio campaign fund quota was \$1,620, and County Chairman J. H. Stockton announced Tuesday that contributions total \$1,933.95. This is \$313.95, or approximately 20 per cent, more than the quota.

A few sources are yet to be heard from, and Mr. Stockton said he believed the final total will be close to \$2,000.

In making the announcement, he expressed appreciation to the people of the county for their "generous support" of this cause.

## Bronze Star Is Awarded To Penland

James N. Penland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adin Penland, of Highlands, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal by Col. James R. Gunn, Jr., commanding officer of Yokota Air Base in Japan.

Sgt. Penland was awarded the medal for meritorious service as a first lieutenant in charge of a unit of the 333 Infantry in 1944.

The citation read in part: "For exemplary conduct in ground combat against the enemy during the Rhineland campaign in the European theatre of operations."

Other awards received by the sergeant during the recent war are the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, with the Oak Leaf Cluster, and the European Theatre of Operations ribbon, with five battle stars. He received all these awards while serving with the 333rd Infantry.

In 1946 he enlisted in the air force, and in August, 1947, was sent to Japan.

## Bond Purchases Here In '47 Averaged \$17.75 Per Person

United States Government Savings bonds amounting to \$282,704.50 were purchased in Macon County last year, according to an announcement by Allison James, state director of the United States Savings Bonds division of the Treasury department.

If these savings were distributed among Macon County's 15, 880 persons, it would mean an average savings per person of approximately \$17.75 during 1947.

While 78 counties in North

## Complaint, Seeking Court Order, Filed Here, But No Action Taken Yet

Unless the election is halted by court order, Macon County voters will go to the polls Saturday to ballot on the question of whether the sale of beer and wine shall remain legal in this county.

A complaint, seeking an injunction against the county board of elections to require postponement of the balloting, was filed in the office of the clerk of superior court here last Friday, but yesterday (Wednesday), it had not been presented to a superior court judge for action.

The resignation of Felix Alley, as resident judge of this district, was announced in Raleigh late Friday afternoon, and Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, appointed by Governor Cherry to succeed Judge Alley, did not assume his new duties until Tuesday. He was in Raleigh to take the oath of office Tuesday morning, and yesterday it was understood he had not been able to return to Sylva on account of snow-covered highways.

Thad D. Bryson, Jr., who filed the complaint on behalf of four complainants; had planned, he said earlier, to appear before Judge Moore in Sylva yesterday to seek the injunction.

The four who signed the complaint are Robert Davis, of Franklin, Lex Vanhook, of Franklin, Route 2, and Charlie Rogers and Will Rogers, both of Prentiss.

Saturday's special election was called in response to a petition, and the complaint alleges that, from the petition, "it does not appear that persons signing same are sufficient in number or are the proper persons lawfully authorized to sign."

It alleges that the petition designates the signers "as qualified voters, but does not show . . . that said signers registered and voted in the last election for governor of North Carolina" (a requirement for eligibility to sign such a petition); that it fails to show the precincts in which the signers voted; and that "there is nothing in the petition to give the board of elections information that signers are persons duly authorized by law to sign and file same."

Finally, it alleges that the petition is not the same one to which many of the signers affixed their signatures, adding that the original petition having been addressed to the board of county commissioners instead of to the board of elections.

The petition requesting the election was filed with the board of elections December 8, and the board, at a meeting December 10,

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## The Weather

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

	High	Low	Perc.
Wednesday	53	28	.15
Thursday	50	32	.05
Friday	60	40	.77
Saturday	44	41	.32
Sunday	49	42	.56
Monday	35	32	.65
Tuesday	38	30	.24
Wednesday	34		

Carolina have a greater population than Macon, only 63 counties exceeded her in total bond sales during 1947. Of the total sales here, \$179,244.50 were series E, which reach maturity in 10 years; \$6,660, series F, which mature in 12 years; and \$96,800, series G, which are paid-up bonds paying interest at the rate of 2½ per cent per annum, paid semi-annually. Total bond sale figures for the state during 1947 are \$85,285,851.25.