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COURT TERM IS POSTPONED TILL APRIL 19

Judge Phones Brookshire Ordering Week's Delay

The April term of Macon superior court, which had been scheduled for next week, has been postponed for one week.

Court will convene Monday morning, April 19, instead of next Monday.

Judge F. Donald Phillips, who is assigned to hold this term of court here, Tuesday telephoned Clinton Brookshire, clerk of Superior court, to say that it will be impossible for him to be here next Monday. The judge ordered the court term postponed till April 19.

Court officials yesterday pointed out that jurors for both the first and second week of court should report Monday morning, April 19. Witnesses who were subpoenaed to appear April 12, and defendants who are under bond to appear that date, all should appear on April 19 instead, it was pointed out.

Legion Memorial

Fund Committee Is Headed By Sloan

An American Legion committee to raise about \$14,000 for an educational fund, in memory of Macon County's dead of World War 2, will be headed by Bob Sloan.

He was appointed at last Thursday night's meeting of the local post of the Legion. Commander W. H. Finley will be an ex officio member, and he and Mr. Sloan were directed to name three other members to work with them.

It is proposed to raise 10 cents for each school child in the county, \$10 for each Macon County man or woman who served in the armed forces during the last war, and \$100 for each man who gave his life.

When raised, the fund is to be merged with a similar one which is in memory of Macon's dead of World War 1.

829 LOSE LICENSES

During March 829 persons in North Carolina lost their driving licenses because of drunken driving.

Do You Remember...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Early Thursday Sheriff Roane received a telephone dispatch from Dillsboro directing him to arrest Coot (Ritchie) Gibson, a mulatto woman living beyond the Iron Bridge, for the murder of Col. A. M. Stoner. It was stated that on Tuesday of last week "Coot" was at Dillsboro and had a difficulty with the Colonel about a small account she claimed he was due her, and that she struck him three blows on the head with a piece of wood and then left for home. Thursday morning Col. Stoner was found dead in his bed. Sheriff Roane placed the woman in jail. About noon another message came to release her, as it was found that the Col. had died from an overdose of morphine that he had purchased at the drugstore the day before.

25 YEARS AGO

Fire which threatened to wipe out the heart of the business section of Sylva early this morning destroyed the Commercial hotel building and three other structures before it was brought under control. Conservative estimates place the loss at \$50,000. Four buildings were burned to the ground and damage was inflicted on others across the street by the intense heat generated.

10 YEARS AGO

An ordinance was passed by the town board Monday night prohibiting produce and fruit peddlers or peddlers' trucks upon Public square or the business streets of the town. The intent is to keep the Public square free for parking, and also to do away with the trash and litter which comes from peddlers' trucks.

Food Handlers' School Here Set For April 26-28

The Food Handlers' school to be held here has been set for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 26, 27, and 28, it was announced this week.

The school, to be held in the Agricultural building, is for all public food handlers in the county, and approximately 200 are expected to take the course, according to C. B. Thomas, sanitarian for this health district.

The same class will be held mornings and afternoons, it was explained, so that part of the employes of an establishment may attend in the morning, and the others in the afternoon.

COMMISSIONERS ACT ON 3 ISSUES

Veterans Officer Will Work Part Time In Future

The board of county commissioners, at its meeting Monday, approved one road petition, denied an application for beer license, reduced the hours and salary of the county veterans service officer, and transacted routine business.

Bill Bryson, veterans service officer since early in 1947, hereafter will be in his office in the courthouse from 9 to 2, instead of all day. His salary, previously \$2,000 a year, was reduced proportionately to \$110 per month. Mr. Bryson told the commissioners that the work no longer requires full time.

The application of Joe Cagle for a license to sell beer at Warren's place, on the Cowee mountain, was denied.

The commissioners received a petition that the Setser Branch road, which leaves the Georgia highway near the Sellers place, be taken over and maintained by the state. The petition was approved and forwarded to the State Highway and Public Works commission.

Girl Scouts

Organize Senior Troop; Mrs. Porter Leader

Franklin Girl Scouts organized a senior troop at the meeting last Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Robert (Bob) Porter. Eleven girls were present.

Mrs. Porter has agreed to serve as leader of the senior Scouts.

Officers were elected as follows: Elizabeth Jones, president; Wilma Gay Phillips, secretary; Betty Lou Constance, treasurer; and Mariann Sherrill, hospitality chairman.

It was decided to meet at the home of Mrs. Porter at 7 o'clock every Thursday night.

Those present voted to limit the membership of the troop to 12.

The senior Scouts plan a food sale in the near future to raise funds for Scout projects.

'Geographic' Has Macon Photograph In Current Issue

A Macon County photograph appears in the current issue of the National Geographic magazine. The picture shows a cow on the A. B. Slagle farm being milked by a milking machine. Miss Myra Slagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Slagle and niece of A. B. Slagle, poses as a "dairy maid", the picture's caption being "Where Are You Going, My Pretty Maid?" It is explained that, by using electric milkers, the 115 cows on the farm can be milked in 55 minutes.

The photo is one of a number used to illustrate an article by Frederick Simpich on "Around the 'Great Lakes of the South'."

Officers Are Chosen By Methodist Youth

Election of officers highlighted the business session of the sub-district meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Asbury church Monday evening. Manuel Holland was reelected president; Bob Myers was elected vice-president; Freda Siler, secretary - treasurer; Burton Leach, publicity chairman; and Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Pangle, co-counselors. Asbury young people, in charge of the program, provided recreation and served refreshments.

Mrs. Conley Heads Macon Cancer Work

Eleven Macon County persons died of cancer in 1946, and 11 more died during the first nine months of 1947, it was pointed out this week by Mrs. Lester Conley, who has just been appointed county commander of the American Cancer Society's field army.

"The tragic thing about these figures", Mrs. Conley commented, "is that one-third to one-half of those who died need not have died."

To prevent these unnecessary cancer deaths, the American Cancer Society is conducting a nation-wide campaign of research and education—research to find the causes and cure for the disease, and education so that cancer may be discovered early, when there is a good chance for a cure.

Macon County this year has been asked to give \$300 for the work of the society, Mrs. Conley said, and she added that a county campaign chairman will be appointed shortly to conduct a campaign for that sum as a minimum.

In citing the need for the society's program, Mrs. Conley said that there has been a definite reduction in the cancer death rate in communities in which a program of education and service has been carried out.

Van Raalte Mutual Aid Body Formed

A Mutual Aid association—financed jointly by company and employes—has been organized at the Franklin plant of the Van Raalte company, and last Thursday employes elected a board of six directors.

The purpose of the association, it was pointed out, is to provide funds to assist employes in circumstances not ordinarily covered by the Workman's Compensation act.

A similar association recently was organized at the Bryson City plant, it was said, and with the organization formed at Franklin, all the Southern Van Raalte plants are represented.

Elected as directors of the Franklin association are Miss Hallie Cabe, Mrs. Allen Angel, Miss Katherine Conley, Mrs. Dolly Angel, Mrs. Margaret Neal, and Mrs. Beatrice DeWeese. Mrs. Jeanette Elliott, Mrs. Pallie LaBoone, Mrs. Pearl Stewart, Mrs. Ian Moses, Mac Duncan, and Mrs. Bertha Bryson were chosen as alternates.

The board, it was explained, will be responsible for the business affairs of the association, including disbursement of funds. Additional directors, not to exceed a total of 15, will be elected as the number of employes increases.

Membership in the association, it was emphasized, is voluntary. After an employe has been a member for three months, he or she is entitled to draw funds for sickness or accident, surgery or hospital care, X-ray or laboratory fees, or for physician's bills for accident. In addition, retirement and death benefits will be provided, and, for women with as much as one year's service, maternity benefits. The amount that may be drawn will depend on the member's seniority.

About 25 per cent of the funds are to be provided by employes, through a 25-cent initiation fee and dues of 50 cents per month. The remainder will be provided by the company, which will deposit \$2,500 as an initial fund.

Questionnaire Is Reprinted For Ones Who Forgot

Did you plan to fill out that North Carolina School Questionnaire that appeared in last week's Press?

And did you neglect doing it?

And now have you mislaid last week's paper?

Just in case you did, the questionnaire is being reprinted, and appears on page 3 of this week's issue.

Better fill it out right now, while you think about it. It will not be published again.

School Building Program Likely To Wait Till '49

Alley To Speak At Y. D. Meeting Here Wednesday

Judge Felix M. Alley, of Waynesville, will be the guest speaker at a Young Democrats organizational meeting to be held at the courthouse here next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced this week.

Judge Alley, long-time resident superior court judge of this district, is one of the most popular speakers in this region.

The purpose of the meeting, it was explained, is to reorganize a Young Democrats club in this county. Democrats of all ages are invited, it was added.

DOWDLE TO RUN JOHNSON DRIVE

Sloan Files For Board Of Education; None Out For Senator

Appointment of one gubernatorial candidate's county campaign manager and the filing of one member of the county board of education for renomination highlighted the local political picture during the past week. C. N. Dowdle, prominent young Democrat has been appointed Macon County campaign manager for Charles M. Johnson in the latter's bid for the Democratic nomination for governor.

The school board member to file for reelection is Bob Sloan. He is the first—and, to date, the only—candidate to file for the five member board.

In fact, only three other candidates are so far in the field, Carl S. Slagle and Charles A. Elmore, both seeking the nomination for representative, and Ray Norton, for county surveyor.

Under the somewhat unofficial rule, it is Macon's turn this year to name the state senator from the five-county thirty-third district, it is said, but no candidate has so far announced—and there appears to have been little discussion of one.

Mr. Sloan, who is serving his first term on the school board, ran second in the eight-man race for the board in 1946, and was appointed by the 1947 general assembly. He is a native of Macon County, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and a veteran of World War I.

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Mrs. Brendle Dies At Watauga Home At Age Of 78

Mrs. Orrie Gibbs Brendle, 78, died at her home in the Watauga community Wednesday of last week, following a long illness.

Mrs. Brendle was the daughter of the late Charles W. Gibbs and Harriet Addington Gibbs and was married to John Thompson Brendle in 1889. She was a member of the Bethel Methodist church having joined at an early age.

Funeral services were held at the Watauga Baptist church Thursday at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. Lee Crawford and the Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., conducting the service.

Pallbearers were John Sanders, Weaver Sanders, Odus Mashburn, Johnnie Brendle, Oscar Thompson and Frank Scott.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Parks Brendle, of Franklin, Route 4; two daughters, Mrs. Buster Mashburn and Mrs. Joe Brendle, also of Franklin, Route 4; three grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. J. E. Sanders, of Richmond, Va.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

WHERE TO FILE CLAIMS

Claimants for unemployment compensation and readjustment allowances, who ordinarily appear at the courthouse here, should appear there tomorrow (Friday) as usual, but should present their claims Friday of next week at the Agricultural building, it was announced yesterday.

126 Listed On School Honor Roll

One hundred twenty-six students attending the Franklin school are on the honor roll for the nine-week quarter ended March 30, W. H. Finley, principal, announced this week.

Fifty of them are high school students, and the other 76 are enrolled in the first eight grades.

To make the honor roll, a student must have a minimum scholastic average halfway between an "A" and a "B"—that is, above 90 per cent, it was explained.

The list of those on the honor roll follows:

Twelfth grade:

Mrs. Marie Stewart's home room: Juanita Allen, Barbara Childers, Lucile Hannah, Mary Will Henson, Ann Lyle, Jewel Norton, Grace Tallent, Maxine Roten, and Nell Yonce.

Miss Pauline Reid's room: Ruth Angel, Ann Cabe, Katherine Furr, Marie Jennings, Ruby Elliott.

Eleventh grade:

Miss Katherine Long: Doris Dalrymple.

Mrs. Katherine Matthews: Mary Alice Archer, Iris Cabe, Phyllis Moses, Elizabeth Ann Phillips, Margaret Setser.

Tenth grade:

Mrs. Lois Fulton: Pauline Anderson, Barbara Guffie, Helen Henderson, Ethel Waldrup.

Mrs. Ruth Ross: Donald Brown, Sarah Dalrymple, Betty Sue Fouts, Joan Hopkins, Mary Evelyn Sorrells, Neil Waldrup, Dorothy Welch.

Mrs. Clinton Johnson: Edith Hurst, Marie Waldrup, Josephine Dalton.

Ninth Grade:

William Crawford: Dudley Conley, Frank Henry, Freda Siler, Wilma Gay Phillips, Constance Nolen.

Miss Annie Bailey: Carolyn Bryson, Agnes Carpenter, Una Crawford.

Mrs. Katherine O'Neil: Ann Teague, Mary Standmire, Maryanne Sherrill, Sara Ledford, Barbara Sue Holland, Christine Hall, Barbara Gribble, Luanne Jibson.

Eighth grade:

Frank Plyler: Charlotte Love, Georgie McDonald, Edward Patton, Martha Ann Stockton.

Seventh grade:

Mrs. Virginia Ramsey: Ted Farmer, Jimmy Kinsland, Jack Love, Lee Poindexter, Joe Phillips, Carroll Childers, Robert Dowdle, Jack Kusterer, Grace Brown, Moertis Angel.

Mrs. Margaret Flanagan: Julia Moody, Max Phillips, Wayne Wiggins.

Sixth grade:

Miss Mayberry Moody: Richard Russell, Frank Allison, Robert Finley, Raymond Ledford.

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Hubert Swafford, Former Resident, Killed In Mishap

Word has been received here of the death of Hubert Swafford, 38, of Toccoa, Ga. Mr. Swafford was in an automobile wreck Saturday night near Clarksville, Ga., and died Monday morning in a hospital in Toccoa. Five other persons were in the car at the time of the wreck.

A native of Macon County, he attended Oak Dale school before moving to Toccoa with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Swafford, seven years ago.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Toccoa Baptist church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived, besides the parents, by one brother, J. A. Swafford, of Toccoa; two sisters Mrs. Lois Mote, of Toccoa, and another sister of Demorest, Ga., whose name was not learned. He was a nephew of Perry, Will, Jim, and Harley Swafford, all of Franklin, Route 3.

No Action Taken, But Discussion Brings Out Reasons

The county board of education and the board of county commissioners, in a joint session Monday morning, discussed at length the pros and cons of issuing and selling the county's \$400,000 in school bonds now, and the related question of whether to start construction of new school buildings as soon as the bonds can be sold.

No official action was taken—nobody even made a motion—but the discussion indicated that it's a safe bet no permanent school buildings will be started in this county before early 1949.

Here are some of the reasons why, all brought out in the discussion:

1. The bonds may be sold at any time before July 1, 1949. A month ago, when the board of education requested the commissioners to issue and sell the bonds at once, members of the education board were under the impression—and told the commissioners—that the bonds would expire unless they were sold prior to January 1 of next year. But it has since been learned that a 1947 legislative act extended the life of bonds voted in late 1945 until July 1, 1949.

2. By the time the bonds could be issued, advertised, and sold, and construction bids could be let, it is highly improbable that any new buildings could be completed in time for the opening of school next fall.

3. It is generally conceded that the next general assembly, meeting in January, probably will appropriate funds for state aid to counties in constructing new school buildings. Nobody knows the form such aid will take, but it is possible it may be provided on a matching basis—that is, the amount the state would give a county would be in proportion to what the county put up. If state aid should be on a matching basis, and this county already had spent part of its \$400,000, it would have less money to match state funds, and thus would stand to lose.

4. When the county commissioners, the body which must issue the bonds, asks the Local Government commission in Raleigh to sell them, it must answer two questions: Is the county ready to start construction work? and will the proceeds from the bond issue be sufficient to complete the project proposed. Members of the board of commissioners suggested that, when the Local Government commission sells the bonds, it will be up to the board of education to start work—and thus run the risk of losing some state aid money. They also pointed out that it is obvious \$400,000 will not put up the buildings proposed at the time the bond issue was submitted to a vote of the people of the county, and that there is a probability that bond attorneys might refuse to approve the bonds for that reason.

Prior to the joint session, the board of education heard a delegation, which appeared to suggest the advantages of a consolidated grammar school in the Holly Springs section, and to recommend a site that is available.

Opening the joint session discussion, Commission Chairman

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RECEIVE INQUIRIES The Asheville Chamber of Commerce got 1,100 inquiries from advertising in the National Geographic.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	59	49	1.11
Thursday	67	43	.52
Friday	60	45	.04
Saturday	71	29	0
Sunday	65	28	0
Monday	57	44	.01
Tuesday	65	52	.58
Wednesday	51	T*	

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