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W. L. RAMSEY, WIDELY KNOWN FARMER, DIES

Iotla Man Was Leader In County Affairs, Church Work

William Lawrence Ramsey, leading Macon County farmer, business man, and community leader, died at his home in the Iotla community Thursday night of last week, following a heart attack. He was 59.

Mr. Ramsey had suffered from a heart ailment for several years, and it was believed the heart condition was aggravated by tractor accident injuries he received about six weeks ago.

Living in a community that itself long has been known for its good neighborliness, Mr. Ramsey was considered perhaps the best neighbor in the community. And that good neighborliness he carried over into county and church activities.

About 25 years ago he served for three terms as a member of the county board of commissioners. He also served on the county board of education. And he gave generously of his time, energy, and substance in the construction of the present Iotla Methodist church, which he long had served as treasurer and member of the board of stewards.

Son of the late William Albert and Rebecca West Ramsey, Mr. Ramsey was born and reared and spent his life in the Iotla community. As a youth, he attended Emory and Henry college, in Virginia, where he was a roommate of the Rev. L. B. Hayes, now of Hendersonville, and Cecil's Business college, in Asheville.

He was the first superintendent of the state prison camp here, a position he held about two years, and was the first manager of the Farmers Federation here.

Mr. Ramsey is survived by his widow; two children, William Hyatt Ramsey and Emma Lou Ramsey; a foster son, Roy Ramsey; a sister, Mrs. A. L. McLean, of Asheville; and a brother, Albert L. Ramsey, of the Iotla community.

Funeral services were held at the Iotla Methodist church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, with the pastor, the Rev. D. P. Grant, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Potts funeral home.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
W. M. McDowell, of Smith-bridge, won the young men's medal at Hayesville college.

Lee Barnard erected a telephone between his store and residence yesterday.

J. G. Siler tendered his resignation from the board of education last week, which was accepted by the county commissioners. Rev. J. A. Deal was elected in his place.

The board of county commissioners was in session three days of last week. The following taxes were levied: For roads and bridges 10 cents on \$100, and 30 cents on the poll; for support of the poor, 3 cents on each \$100, and 30 cents on each poll; for schools, 41 cents on each poll; for ordinary purposes, 20 and 2/3 cents on \$100.

25 YEARS AGO
The congregation of St. Agnes Episcopal church now have a full-time rector for their church, Rev. J. E. Pipes having arrived here the first of this week from New York. Rev. Pipes and his wife are making their home in the handsome new rectory recently completed.

10 YEARS AGO
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Palmer, of Franklin, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Marie Love Palmer, to Daniel Alexander Stewart, of Franklin. The wedding was solemnized Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil S. Hoyt, in Clarksville, Ga.

Macon FFA Boys Win State Livestock Judging Championship



A three-member FFA livestock judging team from Macon County captured top honors at the state contest in Raleigh June 15. The three boys are shown above with their vocational agriculture teacher, E. J. Whitmire, Jr. Left to right are Foy Dryman, son of Mrs. Belle Dryman, Mr. Whitmire, Frederick (Bo) Setser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Setser, and Bob Tippet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tippet. The championship carries with it state FFA prizes totaling \$500-\$125 for each of the boys, and \$125 for their teacher—and the right to represent North Carolina in the national contest, which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., next October, at the time of the American Royal Livestock show there. In Raleigh, the local boys met the nine other top teams from throughout the state, which had defeated more than 300 other teams in preliminary contests. The local trio had won May 1 in Waynesville, and May 8 in the regional meet at Statesville. Judging hogs and beef cattle at the Raleigh contest, all three Macon boys consistently made high scores, to give them as a team a total of 544 points, as compared with 516 for the runners-up. The Macon team was trained by Mr. Whitmire and Siler Slagle, assistant agriculture teacher in charge of farm veterans training.

Town's New Well Yields About 50 Gallons A Minute

A test made a few days ago showed that the town will obtain 45 or 50 gallons of water per minute from the deep well being bored on the Dan Bryson property in East Franklin, Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., reported. At that time, the well was approximately 500 feet in depth.

The town authorities instructed the firm digging the well to go down another 15 or 20 feet, and that work had been completed Tuesday. A second test was to be made Wednesday.

From the three wells now in operation, the town is obtaining approximately 80, 45, and 25 gallons, or a total of about 150 gallons. The new well, therefore, is expected to increase the water supply by about one-third.

In previous summers, the town has run short of water. So far this season, however, there has been plenty, it was said.

Crusade Seeks Aid For Child Victims Of War

The "Crusade for Children", a campaign which has as its purpose the bringing of relief to more than 230,000,000 child victims of World War II, will be headed in Macon County by Bob Sloan.

Mr. Sloan said that solicitation will be made by letter, and that no house-to-house canvassing will be done. Pointing out that the "Crusade for Children" involves no power politics, and includes no spending for military aid, but is based solely on the idea that, "if you found a hungry orphan child on your door step, would you help it out? If so," he added, "please mail your contribution to this drive to Postoffice Box 364, Franklin, N. C."

He remarked that in three years of overseas service in Europe and North Africa that one of the most pathetic things he saw was the thousands of homeless children whose plight was brought about through no fault of their own. "Surely Macon County people will do their part to help these children," he said.

Rabies Vaccination Of All Dogs Required; Burnside Appointed As Inspector

The state law requires all dogs to be vaccinated annually against rabies (madness), and district health authorities have announced the appointment of Dr. O. H. Burnside, Franklin veterinarian, as rabies inspector for this county.

The appointment will be followed by a campaign against rabies here, health officials said, with emphasis on vaccination.

The law requires dog owners to have them vaccinated, and

17 PARTICIPATE IN DRESS REVUE

Phyllis Moses, Senior Winner, To Enter State Event

Seventeen Macon County 4-H girls participated in the county-wide Dress Revue last Saturday.

The girls, who represented nine of the 4-H clubs in the county, modeled dresses and suits they had made of various materials. The majority of the garments modeled were cotton prints in attractive designs for school, play and Sunday.

Phyllis Moses, daughter of P. M. Moses, of Ellijay, was the winner in the senior group. She wore a rose rayon-gabarone suit with black accessories. During the 4-H Short Course in Raleigh, August 23 to 28, she will participate in the State Dress revue.

Second place went to Margaret Berry, of Higdonville, for her white garbardine suit, and third place to Patsy Hays, of Highlands, for a combination green butcher's linen and yellow embroidery dress.

Other contestants in the senior group were: Martha Howard, of Otto, Lucille Edwards, of Iotla, Rosemary Huscusson, of Slagle, Ruth Ray, of the Franklin Senior club, and Frances Deal, Higdonville.

In the junior group, Konda Teague, of Union, was in first place with her green cotton print casual dress. Second winner was Annie Sue McConnell, of Otto, wearing a yellow cotton print dress for school. Betty Jean Henson, of Otto, was third, wearing a pink cotton dress trimmed with a small white eyelet ruffle. She carried a hand bag of the same material.

Other contestants in the junior group were: Lorene Bates, of Otto, Sally Mincy, of Oak Ridge, Mary Johnston, of Union, and Jeanna Cunningham, Esta Mae Bingham and Birdie Bingham, of Franklin Junior club.

Judges for the revue were: Miss Pansy Deal, home demonstration agent in Swain county, and Miss Jean Childers, who is assisting Miss Deal with the home demonstration and 4-H work in Swain during the summer months.

makes the state health authorities responsible for appointment of rabies inspectors to administer the vaccine, and for seeing that other provisions of the statute are enforced.

The following highlights of the state law on the subject were cited by C. B. Thomas, district sanitarian of the health department:

It shall be the duty of the owners of every dog to have

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Thumb-Nail Sketches Of 2 Candidates For Governor

Following are brief sketches of the careers and platforms of the two men between whom North Carolina Democratic voters will choose, in Saturday's run-off primary, for governor of this state:

Johnson

Charles M. Johnson, the son of deaf mutes, was born on a Pender county farm 57 years ago.

For 26 years he has been in the service of the state. He started that service in 1922 as a clerk in the state auditor's office, and he remarks today: "I started out in public life as a clerk. I want to finish as governor."

In 1925, he was appointed by Governor McLean as executive secretary to the county government advisory commission. Governor Gardner named him as director of the Local Government commission in 1931, and in 1932 appointed him state treasurer. He has served in that post since, having been nominated and elected at four-year intervals since.

After attending schools in Burgaw, the Buies Creek Military academy and Bingham Military academy in Mebane, he entered the army during World War I, and was attending officers training camp when the war ended.

Returning to civilian life, he was named district tax supervisor for a state-wide tax revaluation ordered in 1919. From that job, he entered the state auditor's office.

He married Miss Ruth Moore, of Burgaw, in 1920, and they have one son, Charles M. Jr., who is a law student at the University of North Carolina, following overseas service as an enlisted man in the army during World War 2.

Johnson's hobbies, in order, are deer and fox hunting (last year he served as president of the North Carolina Fox Hunters association); attending baseball games; and playing bridge.

In his campaign, he has stressed promises to work for: Increased teacher salaries and lower pupil load; state aid in building school-houses; no increases in taxes; a \$100,000,000 bond issue, if approved by the people in an election, for improving farm-to-market roads; increased old-age assistance and aid to needy children, to meet increased living costs; an expanded program of industrial development of North Carolina; and greater home rule for counties, cities, and towns.

Federation Picnic Will Be Held Here On July 17

The 1948 Farmers Federation picnic for Macon County, an annual event that is marked by string music, the singing of quartets and choirs, athletic games and contests, and other special and varied program features, will be held at the Franklin school at 10 a. m. Saturday, July 17, it has been announced by James G. K. McClure, of Asheville, Federation president.

Scott

W. Kerr Scott has spent his entire 52 years in pursuits connected with farming, and during his campaign he has emphasized the idea that it is time this state, with 60 per cent of its population living in the rural areas, should elect a farmer as governor.

Born on a farm near Haw River, Alamance county, the son of a farmer and political leader, Scott earned money during summer vacations while attending A. and M. college (now N. C. State) to buy a 225-acre dairy farm near Haw River. The place, which he still owns, now covers 1,300 acres.

After serving as a private in the army during the last four months of World War I, Scott started building up his dairy business. In 1920 he became Alamance county farm agent, a position he held for 10 years, when he was elected master of the State Grange. He served in that post until 1933, when he became southeastern states organizer for the Farm Credit administration.

In 1936 he won the nomination and election as commissioner of agriculture, and was reelected in 1940 and 1944. He resigned in February to make the race for governor. As commissioner, he has emphasized farm marketing.

With that background, he feels he can bring to the job of governor "practical experience in farming, agricultural administration, and marketing."

Scott married Miss Elizabeth White in 1919. They have three children, Osborne, who manages the Scott dairy farm, Mrs. A. J. Loudermilk, who lives in Ohio, and Robert, a student at Duke university.

Major planks in his platform are:

More pay and reduced pupil loads for teachers; state aid in construction of schools; equalization of teacher pay on a county basis; support of the entire program administered by the state medical care commission; improvement of farm-to-market roads; abolition of the house of representatives' "gag" rule; a state-referendum on liquor; equal taxation on co-operatives and other businesses; removal of the sales tax on meals in public eating places; and reduction of the voting age to 18.

4-H CAMP CANCELED

The Macon County 4-H camp at Swannanoa, which had been scheduled for next week, has been canceled, it was announced yesterday. The cancellation was decided upon, due to the political situation in North Carolina.

VOTE SATURDAY TO PICK NEXT N. C. GOVERNOR

Democrats Will Choose In Run-off Between Johnson, Scott

The polling places in Macon County's 12 precincts will open at 6:30 a. m. Saturday for the Democratic second primary election, and will close at 6:30 p. m.

Macon County Democrats, along with Democratic voters in the 99 other counties of North Carolina, will go to the polls Saturday to choose a governor to the next four years.

Technically, the voters will select the party's nominee for governor, but in actual practice the man nominated Saturday is almost sure to be elected in the fall general election.

The choice lies between State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson and W. Kerr Scott, former state commissioner of agriculture, the two high men in the six-way race in the first primary, held May 29.

In that election, Johnson led Scott by 8,848 votes, but failed to receive a majority, and Scott called for a second primary.

Johnson, with an official total of 170,141, received approximately 40 per cent of the total vote cast. Scott, with 161,233, received about 38 per cent of the total. More than 90,000 votes, making up 22 per cent of the total, went to the other four candidates.

Assuming that the vote should be equally heavy Saturday, the state winner would be determined by how the 22 per cent, which a month ago was scattered among the four other candidates, goes.

In Macon County the situation is somewhat different from that over the state as a whole. In this county Scott carried eight of the 12 precincts, and led Johnson by a margin of 303 votes. And in this county only 65 votes, or about three per cent of the total, were cast for the other four candidates. To carry Macon, therefore—assuming an equally heavy vote—Johnson faces the task of winning over voters who voted for Scott in May.

Locally and throughout the state, however, it is difficult to speculate on the outcome of Saturday's balloting, on a basis of the first primary, for it is generally believed that, with only one contest to be settled, the vote will be relatively light—and the winner probably determined by which side is more successful in getting out the vote.

Bodies Of 2 Macon Men On Way Home

The families of T-5 James M. Brogden and Pvt. Oline W. Stanfield have been notified by the War department that these Macon County men's bodies are en route to the United States from overseas.

T-5 Brogden, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brogden, of the West's Mill community, died on Luzon, in the Philippines, June 15, 1945, as a result of wounds received in action.

Pvt. Stanfield, whose widow lives in the Bonny Crest section of Franklin, was killed in France, September 18, 1944.

No dates for funeral services can be set until it is learned when the bodies will arrive in Franklin, but it was said that Pvt. Stanfield's funeral and burial will be at the Sugarfork Baptist church.

The Weather

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

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Wednesday	79	56	00
Thursday	82	52	00
Friday	80	56	.29
Saturday	86	57	00
Sunday	89	68	00
Monday	88	55	00
Tuesday	87	64	1.26
Wednesday	59	00