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Election Called On Beer And Wine

PLAN TO X-RAY CHESTS OF ALL MACON ADULTS

Will Be Free; Campaign Launched To Raise \$800 For Expense

A movement to provide a free chest X-ray for every person 15 years of age or older in Macon was launched at a meeting of state, district, and county health authorities with interested local citizens at the county health office here Thursday evening of last week.

Health officials pointed out that an X-ray is the simplest and surest way to ascertain if a person has tuberculosis, and that X-rays in many cases will show the presence of the disease in time to start treating it early, thus making a cure easier and much more probable.

The group chose Pritchard Smith, Jr., as chairman, and Mr. Smith later named an executive committee to work with him. On that committee are B. W. McGlamery, J. Ward Long, Frank B. Cook, of Highlands, Claude Bolton, and Misses Carolyn Cory and Ann Ray, home demonstration agent and assistant agent, respectively. Wayne Faulker was named secretary of the organization.

Under the program, X-ray service will be made available through the district (Macon, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain counties) health department and the State Board of Health. The State Board will furnish four mobile X-ray units, a doctor, technicians, and supervising clerk.

Organizations and individuals in the county are being asked to raise funds to pay for clerks, an educational campaign, and follow-up work. About \$800 will be required for this purpose, it is estimated, and raising this fund is the first task of Mr. Smith and his committee.

The plan calls for the four mobile X-ray units to come to this county the latter part of July or the first of August, and spend as much time here as is required. The units will visit various sections of the county, so that no one will have to travel a great distance to be X-rayed.

The X-rays, which take about two minutes to make, will be free, and each person X-rayed will be mailed a report on the result of the X-ray. Facilities also will be provided for further examination in cases where the X-ray indicates presence of tuberculosis.

At a second meeting of the health office Tuesday night of this week, plans were worked out in more detail, and the county was zoned and workers selected for each zone to seek funds to make the campaign possible, and to urge everybody to take advantage of the free X-ray service.

A third meeting of workers and others is to be held next Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Agricultural building, at which films will be shown and health talks will be heard.

Those attending the meeting at which it was decided to launch the campaign included Mr. Smith, Mr. Faulker, John M. Alsop, Mrs. Frank Shope, county health nurse, Miss Ray, Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, Mrs. K. R. Gaines, Miss Alma McCracken, health district supervisor, and Miss Frances Kornegay, of the State Board of Health's division of tuberculosis control.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK Messrs. Will and Noah Littlefield received two coops of Indian game chickens last Thursday from the Watauga poultry yards at Elizabethton, Tenn. There were a cock, four pullets, and a chick.

How Macon Democrats Voted For Governor

Table with 2 columns: Precincts and Votes for Charles M. Johnson and W. Kerr Scott. Totals: Johnson 1,082, Scott 1,404.

SCOTT, VICTOR, WON IN MACON BY 322 VOTES

212 More Ballots Cast In County Than In First Primary

Macon County, in last Saturday's run-off Democratic primary election, gave W. Kerr Scott, of Alamance county, 322 of the approximately 34,000 majority by which he won the party's nomination for governor over State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson. The official vote, announced by the county board of elections Tuesday, was: Scott, 1,404; Johnson, 1,082.

It was the first time in the 32-year history of the North



NEXT GOVERNOR—W. Kerr Scott, 52-year old Alamance county farmer and former state commissioner of agriculture, was assured of a four-year term as governor of North Carolina when he defeated Charles M. Johnson for the Democratic nomination in last Saturday's second primary. If elected, as taken for granted, in this fall's general election, he will take office early next January.

4 More Macon Men's Bodies On Way Home

The bodies of four more Macon County soldiers who lost their lives overseas during World War 2 are on the way home, it has been learned here.

They are T. Sgt. George C. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim S. Gray, of Franklin, Route 2, Pfc. George D. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elliott, of Route 4, Pfc. John G. Hauser, son of Mrs. Betty Hauser, of Franklin, and Pfc. George T. Martin, son of Mrs. Da H. Martin, of Route 1.

The last three are among 137 North Carolinians being returned from the European Theatre of Operations aboard the U. S. army transport Greenville Victory. They originally were buried in France. The body of a fourth Macon County man, Pfc. Oline W. Stanfield, whose return was announced last week, also is aboard the transport.

Pfc. Elliott died July 14, 1944, of wounds received July 9 in the battle of Normandy. Funeral plans have not been announced. Pfc. Hauser was killed at Brest, France, September 8, 1944. While the date of the funeral will be determined by arrival of the body in Franklin, the service and interment will be at Mount Zion Methodist church, where his father is buried.

Pfc. Martin was killed in action in France August 30, 1944. Funeral services and interment will be at the National Cemetery at Raleigh.

Details were not available about Sgt. Gray. The next of kin of all those on board will be notified in advance of the date of the arrival of the transport in New York, and of date of the arrival of the remains at the places designated by the families for funeral services and burial.

Appropriate ceremonies will be held at the New York port at 11 a. m. on the day the ship arrives.

State Survey Indicates What Macon Folk Think About N. C. School System

Pick Miss Bryant To Represent This County At Event

Miss Virginia Bryant, of Franklin, has been chosen by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce to represent Macon County at the Rhododendron Coronation ball, to be held in the Asheville city auditorium Saturday, July 10.

One young woman from each county in this region is being selected to attend the social event, which is sponsored by the Rhododendron Brigade of Guards. Each will be formally presented to the Royal Rhododendron Court. Accompanying each of the county's representatives will be two marshals, selected by her, and Miss Bryant has chosen Jack Angel and Clell Bryant, both students at the University of North Carolina, to serve as her marshals and escorts.

Miss Bryant, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bryant, is employed as secretary at Duncan Motor company.

Questionnaire Replies From This County Tabulated

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of three stories on the results of a public questionnaire on North Carolina education.)

What does the average North Carolinian think of the state's public school system?

Seeking the answer to that question, the State Education commission—which is making the survey of education in North Carolina that was ordered by the last general assembly—prepared a public questionnaire that was published in April in the state's newspapers, among them The Franklin Press.

Seven main questions—some of them with subquestions—were asked:

How good do you think the schools of North Carolina should be? Would you be willing to pay the taxes necessary for better schools? What do you think about salaries now being paid teachers in North Carolina? For what purposes should school facilities be used? Which (of four general subjects) should receive more emphasis in the schools of North Carolina? In your opinion what are the two or three most serious weaknesses or handicaps of the schools of the state? In your opinion what are the two or three strongest or best features of the schools of the state?

The figures on the answers have been tabulated, and a number of news stories about the results already have been published in the press of the state.

Now a compilation of the results from this county throws light on what the average man or woman in Macon County thinks about the North Carolina

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Holiday To Be Observed Monday; Meetings Postponed

Since July 4 this year falls on Sunday, next Monday will be generally observed as a holiday. Public offices and most business establishments in Franklin will be closed all day Monday.

The county board of commissioners, the county board of education, and the Franklin board of aldermen, all scheduled to meet Monday, will hold their meetings Tuesday instead.

County offices in the courthouse (except the sheriff's office), the county health department, the Franklin town office, the post office, and offices of the county agent and the county home demonstration agent all will be closed Monday for the holiday.

In Highlands, where summer is the busiest season of the year, most places will be open Monday as usual.

Can File Claims For Compensation On Wednesdays Only

Claimants for unemployment compensation and readjustment allowances hereafter will file their claims here on Wednesdays. Representatives of the State Employment service and the Unemployment Compensation commission, who previously have been here each Wednesday and Friday, in future will be in Franklin on Wednesdays only, it was announced by E. E. Bates, employment representative.

Mr. Bates added that, in future, aptitude tests will be given only on the first and third Fridays in each month, instead of each Friday as in the past.

New Deal Agricultural Policies Here To Stay, Says Former AAA Head

Regardless of which party is in power, the basic principles of aid to agriculture put into effect by the New Deal are here to stay, in the opinion of Chester C. Davis, AAA administrator under President Roosevelt, who was here Tuesday.

The heart of that program, Mr. Davis explained, is soil conservation and price support. Such changes as may be made will be aimed at improvement of administration, he added.

Head of the triple A from 1933 to 1936, Mr. Davis now is president of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, and he talked with enthusiasm of the results of studies his bank is making of long-term loans made to aid the conservation of soil and of water.

Isolationism as a political philosophy is dead in the mid-West, which at one time was the core of isolationist sentiment,

the Federal Reserve Bank president said. "The people I talk to, from all over that region, recognize we have a responsibility in world affairs which we should not, and cannot, shirk."

Mr. Davis was in Franklin with his son, Chester S. Davis, feature writer for the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel, who was gathering material for a feature story on the Nantahala National Forest.

After spending the entire day in the forest, accompanied by Supervisor E. W. Renshaw, the Winston-Salem newspaperman expressed pleased surprise at the great recreational development and possibilities of the forest.

He smilingly expressed astonishment "that Asheville has any tourists, because you folks over

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WILL PRESENT PLAY MONDAY

Highlands Theatre Will Give 2 Performances Of 'Dear Ruth'

"Dear Ruth", the opening play of the sixth season of the Highlands Community Theatre, will be presented at the Highlands Theatre next Monday July 5.

The afternoon performance will start at 3 p. m., and the evening performance at 8 p. m.

With the exception of one actor, who counts Highlands a his second home, this will be an all-Highlands cast.

Included in the cast are Miss Marna Cobb, Herbert Paul, and Ralph Mowbray, veteran Community Theatre players; Miss Martha Cobb, who will be making her debut in theatrical work; and Craig Cranston, production manager for the past two seasons, who will be seen on the stage for the first time by Highlands theatre-goers. Ann Anderson, Elizabeth Newton, and Arnold Keener, who are well known to the audiences of Highlands school plays are appearing for the first time with the Community Theatre. Miss Foy Perry, new to the Highlands Community group, worked with the Riverside Little Theatre and the Crown Theatre, both in Chicago.

Miss Winifred Eskridge, publicity manager, has announced that all seats will be reserved and that the price of admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12. Tickets will be on sale every morning this week in front of the post office.

New Well

The digging of the Town of Franklin's deep well, on the Dan Bryson property, in East Franklin, has been completed, a temporary pump has been installed, and it is hoped to have the well connected with the town water system within about a week, it was learned yesterday from Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr.

The well, which will be the fourth in operation, is pumping approximately 50 gallons of water per minute, and will increase the town's water supply by about one-third. The well is 550 feet deep.

Before water from the new well can be pumped into the mains and thence the water tanks, a four-inch pipe line must be laid from the well to the nearest main, on the Sylva highway, a distance of about 500 feet.

Six Franklin youths—members of the senior Boy Scout troop here—left Saturday for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will be guests, along with other Senior Boy Scouts, at the Naval base there for 10 days. In the group are Jimmy Conley, Frank L. Henry, III, John Alsop, Jr., Alvin Stiles, Bob Myers, and Bill Yarbrough.

MACON VOTERS TO BALLOT ON ISSUE AUG. 28

New Petition Checked And Approved By County Board

A special county-wide election to determine whether beer and wine may be legally sold in Macon County yesterday was called for August 28.

The election was ordered by the county board of elections, in response to a petition asking that the issue be submitted to a vote.

The election board checked the petition and Wednesday formally found that the required number of qualified voters had signed it.

This is the second time a beer and wine election has been called in Macon County.

The first election was to have been held last February 14, but was halted by a court order, signed by Judge H. Hoyle Sink in Asheville, February 11. The injunction was issued upon a complaint alleging irregularities in the petition which asked for that election.

Under the law providing for county and municipal elections on the issue of legal sale of beer and wine, such an election may not be held within 60 days of any regular election, and the last of August is the earliest time, since last February, at which such an election could be held, since the first primary came on May 29 and the second on June 26.

The law requires that the petition seeking the election must be signed by 15 per cent of the voters who voted for governor in the 1944 general election. That figure is 796, and the board of elections found that more than that number of qualified voters had signed the petition.

The petition was circulated by a dry forces organization, in which H. H. Plemmons, Walter Dean, and C. J. Mooney have been among the active leaders. It was presented to the board of elections Wednesday 0. last week.

No new registration is required for the beer and wine vote, but the registration books will be open at the polling places, for the convenience of those not registered, on three Saturdays—July 31, August 7, and August 14. At other times during that period, voters may register at the registration headquarters August 21 will be changing to August 22.

Registrars and judges for the special election will be named later, J. J. Mann, chairman of the board of elections, said. In connection with registration, he issued a plea to voters to check promptly to see if they are registered, and if not, to register as soon as the books open, rather than wait until the day of the election and find that they are not registered and therefore cannot vote.

If the majority of the votes cast opposes legal sale of beer and wine, such sales will be outlawed, effective 60 days from the date of the election. If the majority, however, favors legal sale, licensed dealers may continue sales, as at present.

Beer and wine became legal in this county by legislative enactment of 1933. At present, however, only beer is legally sold in this county, since no wine licenses are in effect.

E. W. Renshaw, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, of Franklin, were among the speakers on the three-day program of the Appalachian Trail conference at Fontana Village last week-end.

The Weather

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

Table with 4 columns: Day, Max, Min, Prec. Values for Wednesday through Tuesday.