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HEAVY RAINS BRING RELIEF FROM DROUGHT

6 Inches At Coweeta; Highlands Deluged By 15-Inch Fall

One of the heaviest rainfalls in the history of this county occurred over the week-end; and yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon it was raining again.

In the 72-hour period ending Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, the Coweeta Experiment station measured a fall of nearly six inches. The exact figure was 5.82.

While the rain was general over the county, Highlands got the lion's share. A total of 11.05 inches fell there between 8 o'clock Saturday morning and 8 o'clock Monday morning.

The total rainfall from 8 a. m. Saturday to 2 p. m. yesterday (Wednesday), a little over four days, was 14.88 inches, Mr. Newton reported.

The figures were believed to set a record even for Highlands, which is noted for its high precipitation.

Until Monday, the rain in most places was a gentle one, soaking into ground that had become hard and dry from lack of moisture.

Due to the fact that the ground was so dry and to the gentle nature of the rain, the early fall had little effect on most streams.

In the southern end of the county, especially along the Little Tennessee river, river-bottom crops were flooded, and the Cartoogechaye and Wayah sections reported damage to corn from high winds Monday afternoon.

PLAN RUMMAGE SALE The Cullasaja Home Demonstration club will hold a benefit rummage sale Saturday morning adjoining the telephone building.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK A new 12 lb. Wm. J. Bryan, free silver boy took up his abode at the home of Coley Guest Monday morning.

Charley Fulton was bitten by some kind of poisonous snake while in the mountains last Thursday. He did not see the snake but thinks it was a rattlesnake, as the bite, while painful, was not very serious.

25 YEARS AGO Last Saturday the Tallulah Falls Railway put on their new week-end special train for the accommodation of the summer travel.

10 YEARS AGO At a meeting held last Thursday night the Franklin town board adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1938, and set the rate of taxation.

Cedar Tree That Soldier Brought Here From Civil War Battlefield Removed

Another of Franklin's historic landmarks passed last week.

It was the cedar tree that stood in the yard of Dixie Hall, the old Robinson home on Main street. The tree, a mere switch at the time, was said to have been brought from the Second Battle of Manassas (August 28-30, 1862) by Julius Siler when he came home on leave, and planted by Mr. Siler, the then owner of the property, in his yard. He had built the house in 1860.

The tree, which had stood the buffeting of time and the weather for more than four score years, was dying, and Miss Hope Danies, the owner of the property, had it removed as a safety measure.

Many persons, particularly among older Franklin people,

will recall the tree as standing in the eastern part of the yard, between the home and the courthouse.

It was the second tree from the Manassas battlefield to pass in recent years. The other stood on the grounds of the old Munday hotel, near the southeastern corner of the Macon County Supply company, and for many years served as a community Christmas tree.

It was brought from Manassas by Dr. J. M. Lyle when he returned, a few years after the war, from a visit to Civil War battlefields, and planted in the yard of what then was home. It was cut down when the Munday hotel was demolished about three years ago. It also was said to have been dying when it was taken down.

SMITH HEADS LIONS CLUB

Club Officers For Year Installed; Discuss Street Marking

Pritchard Smith, Jr., incoming president of the Franklin Lions club, and other officers for the year 1948-49 were installed by Jennings Bryson, of Sylva, past district governor, at Monday night's meeting at the Slagle Memorial.

Other officers installed with President Smith are:

John L. Crawford, first vice-president; Don Allison, second vice-president; G. W. Faulkner, third vice-president; Clinton Brookshire, secretary; Grover Jamison, Jr., treasurer; D. A. Stewart, trail twister; Leroy Berong, Lion Tamer; and Johnny Kusterer and W. C. Burrell, directors for two years.

The incoming club president is a member of the North Carolina State Highway patrol, stationed in Franklin, and has been active in community and civic affairs. During the past year he took a leading part in the Red Cross drive and the March of Dimes board, sponsored by the Lions club, and is at present heading the X-ray campaign.

Following the installation of officers, the street and house marking project being considered by the Lions club was discussed. Upon motion of J. Ward Long, it was decided to allow the committee which had been appointed to study this project to handle the matter by taking whatever action they saw fit.

Rabun Company Opens Produce Buying Mart

The Rabun Produce company opened a produce buying market near the intersection of East Main street and Depot street here this week. Temporarily, the market will do its packing in the Brown and Carson warehouse.

Snap and pole beans, cabbage, potatoes and other local truck crops will be purchased, according to Henry Dillard, market manager.

Mr. Dillard said that a lot, in the rear of the Dillard Builders Supply company store, has been purchased from Roy Carpenter and that a warehouse building will be started there as soon as possible. Some grading work already has been done.

Sgt. Bumgarner's Body Is Returned To States

Mrs. O. C. Bryant and Miss Frankie Bumgarner, of Franklin, have received word that the body of their brother, S. Sgt. James B. Bumgarner, who was killed in Germany during World War 2, has been returned to the States. Sgt. Bumgarner, who made his home at Wilmot, was wounded February 19, 1945, and died the following day. No date for the funeral service has been set.

Frederick (Bo) Setser was treated at Angel clinic Monday for severe dog bites. Young Setser was bitten by a dog said to belong to Will Corpening. The dog is under observation for the possibility of rabies.

Total Of 4,259 Immunizations Given In Macon

A total of 4,259 immunizations were given Macon County persons during the three-month period ended June 30, according to Mrs. Frank Shope, county public health nurse.

The county health office also reported examinations of 177 pre-school children, and 212 school inspections during the quarter. Tuberculin tests were given 98, and those who reacted positively were X-rayed.

The immunizations were as follows: Typhoid, 2,869; smallpox, 902; diphtheria and whooping cough, 480; and tetanus, 8.

Military Rites Held For Pfc. Elliott At Holly Springs

Funeral services for Pfc. George Dewey Elliott, 25, Macon County soldier killed overseas, were held at the Holly Springs Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Young Mr. Elliott was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elliott, of Franklin, Route 4.

The Rev. W. C. Pipes conducted the service, and military rites were held at the grave by members of the Franklin post of the American Legion, with Commander Don Allison in charge. He was assisted by the Rev. Hoyt Evans, post chaplain, and other members of the local post. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were H. D. Corbin, Clarence Corbin, Frank L. Crisp, Roy Crisp, Norman Elliott, and Frank Elliott, all cousins of the dead soldier, whose body recently was returned to the States.

Pfc. Elliott died July 14, 1944, of wounds received July 9 in the Battle of Normandy. He entered service as a volunteer in March, 1942.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are two brothers, Theodore Elliott, of Olympia, Wash., and Cpl. W. D. Elliott, of the army of occupation in Japan; six sisters, Mrs. Leonard Corbin, Miss Emma Elliott, Miss Pauline Elliott, and Miss Jewell Elliott, all of Asheville, and Mrs. Leferts Higdon and Mrs. Charlie Williams, both of Franklin, Route 4.

Potts funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

What's Right With Schools? Macon People Give Opinions

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last in a series of news stories on Macon County results of the statewide survey conducted, through questionnaires, by the N. C. Education commission.)

Macon County answers to the final question—"In your opinion what are the two or three strongest or best features of the schools of the state?"—varied widely, and some of them contained interesting sug-

X-RAY SURVEY IN MACON SET FOR AUG. 3-28

Free Lung Examination To Be Available To All Adults

The free X-ray chest survey to be conducted in Macon County as a part of a state health survey will get under way August 3, when a State Board of Health X-ray mobile unit arrives in this county, it was announced this week. The unit will remain in Macon through August 28, and will be stationed in various communities in the county during that period.

The first clinic will be conducted at Claude Beeco's store in Millshoal township, Tuesday, August 3.

This X-ray service will be available, free of charge, to every person in the county 15 years of age or older.

Meanwhile, the campaign to raise a fund of \$700 or \$800 for the local expenses of the survey was being pushed by Chairman Pritchard Smith, Jr., and members of his executive committee.

All owners, managers and operators of hotels, tourist homes, meat markets, restaurants, dairies, milk plants, and other establishments where health certificates are required will be notified by the health department that all persons who wish to renew their certificates or desire new certificates, will be required to present their X-ray results to the district health officer when applying for future health certificates.

Picards will be issued to establishments where personnel are 100 per cent X-rayed.

The following schedule for the mobile X-ray units was made public by Mrs. Frank Shope, —Continued on Page Six

\$2,000 Taken In Robberies In Highlands

Three Highlands business firms, Potts Brothers store, Doyle's Self Service grocery, and the Highlands Theatre, were broken into last Saturday, either by a one burglar or a group, who obtained checks and cash amounting to more than \$2,000.

Cash and checks totaling approximately \$2,000 was taken from the Potts store, while a smaller but undisclosed amount was obtained from Doyle's. Although the thief had to break four locks to gain admission to the ticket office of the theatre, he found that cupboard bare.

The Potts store was broken into about 1 o'clock Saturday morning, officials believe. Miss Sara Gilder, who lives next door, reported that she heard someone hammering about this time, but thought it was someone working late in the store.

The cash was taken from a large safe which had been forced open by tearing off the corner of the safe facing and then forcing the rivets on the safe.

Admission to both the Potts store and Doyle's was gained by forcing rear windows with a jimmy.

The robbery was first reported by W. R. Potts, one of the owners of the Potts store, at about 7 a. m. Saturday.

Local officials, with Pritchard Smith, Jr., state highway patrolman, and a member of the State Bureau of investigation, are working on the case. Little progress has been reported to date.

Girl Scouts Will Aid Drive By Baby Sitting

Franklin senior Girl Scouts will baby sit, without charge, during the period of State Board of Health's mobile X-ray units are here, it was announced this week by Mrs. Robert Porter, Girl Scout leader. It is the girls' thought, Mrs. Porter said, that many mothers of small children might be unable to leave home long enough to have their chests X-rayed, unless someone would keep their children while they were away. Mothers who need baby sitters for this purpose may make an arrangement for a Scout sitter by telephoning Mrs. Porter at 284-J. The Girl Scout troop also donated \$10 to the local fund required to make the X-ray campaign possible here.

NAME OFFICIALS FOR BEER VOTE

Election Board Picks Registrars, Judges For Macon Ballot

Registrars and judges for the beer-wine election to be held in Macon County August 28 were appointed by the county board of elections at a special meeting Tuesday.

On motion of Ted Blaine, the registrars and Democratic judges who held the second primary election June 26 were named for the beer-wine election, with one Republican judge also appointed for each of the county's 12 precincts.

The election, to be held the last Saturday in August, will determine whether beer and wine may be legally sold within the confines of Macon County. At present, both beverages are legal, but no licenses for the sale of wine are in effect.

The election officials follow, the first named in each case being the registrar, the second the Democratic judge, and the third the Republican judge:

Millshoal township: Harold Cabe, Woodrow Franklin, and Garland Shepherd.

Ellijay: Charlie Bryson, Carl Moses, and W. R. Higdon.

Sugarfork: Luther Holland, Ab Potts, and Lee Keener.

Highlands: Louis Edwards, Henry Wright, and T. C. Harbison.

Flats: Ray Dryman, Raymond Penland, and Otis Burnette.

Smithbridge: C. R. Cabe, Ted Henry, and Alex Holbrooks.

Cartoogechaye: Dan Sweatman, Oscar Lewis, and Lester Williams.

Nantahala No. 1: Newell Baldwin, Wade Lambert, and Fred Mason.

Nantahala No. 2: J. R. Shields, T. T. Love, and D. A. Grant.

Burningtown: Will Rowland, Bill Parris, and Forrest Huggins.

Cowee: Don Raby, Joel Dalton, and T. G. Dean.

Franklin: Prioleau Shope, Jim Palmer, and Homer Cochran.

With Softball League

Following is a summary of Franklin Softball league results to date, and approaching games:

Table with columns: Teams, Standing, Won, Lost, Tied, Pct.

Friday night games: Power Co. vs. Zickgraf (postponed).

Burrell 14, Oilers 5.

Monday night games: Oilers 3, Rotary 0, (forfeit).

Burrell 3, Power Co. 0, (forfeit).

Coming Games: Friday night, July 16: Zickgraf vs. Rotary.

Legion vs. Oilers.

Monday night, July 19th: Legion vs. Power Co.

Burrell vs. Zickgraf.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Riley Ferguson and children, Patricia Ann and John Robert, have returned to their home in Los Angeles, Calif., after spending 10 days with Mr. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ferguson, and other relatives here.

NO POLIO HERE, AREA'S HEALTH HEAD REPORTS

Precautionary Measures Are Suggested By Dr. Michal

Macon County is free from poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis).

There has been no case of the disease, which is epidemic in other parts of the state, in this county this season, Dr. M. B. H. Michal said here Monday. In fact, Dr. Michal added, this entire health district—made up of Macon, Jackson, and Haywood counties and the Cherokee Indian Reservation—has had no polio.

While there have been a number of cases in Buncombe county, the epidemic area, he explained, is in the central part of the state.

Because of the "general concern" over the situation, Dr. Michal Monday issued a prepared statement, "both to make the exact situation clearer, and to point out what bearing this epidemic has on our area, and what measures we may wisely take as a precaution against its spread."

Her statement follows: "While it is true that 115 new cases have developed in the state during the past week, an epidemic area continues to be the central part of the state.

Buncombe county, with its two cases in the county and 17 in the city of Asheville, is the only county in the western end of the state showing an unusual number of cases. There are no cases in Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Clay counties, nor in Cherokee Reservation, and only one case, of almost a week's standing, in Swain county. One case was reported some weeks ago in Graham county and one in Cherokee county.

Since we do not have the disease present in our district, we wish to urge that those coming here for visits and vacations avoid congested areas in the section affected by the epidemic. Great care should be exercised to eat and sleep in Grade A places. It is advisable not to allow children to congregate for long hours at a time or picnic in large groups, as we feel poliomyelitis is spread by getting the virus causing the disease into the system by the mouth. If a child is at all ill with a cold or sore throat, he should be kept quiet and observed and, if necessary, seen by a physician. Swimming in pools used by large numbers of children should definitely be avoided, as well as chilling or fatigue.

It has generally been advised by the medical profession for the past few years that ton-

Mrs. Grace O'Mohundro Now Sole Owner Of Shop

Mrs. R. S. O'Mohundro has sold her interest in the Children's Shop to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Grace O'Mohundro, it was announced this week, and the former, accompanied by her children, Dickie and Mary, left Tuesday for Richmond, Va., her former home, where she will live in future. Mrs. Grace O'Mohundro is now sole owner of the Children's Shop.

Federation Picnic Will Be Held Here Saturday

The Macon County Farmers Federation picnic will be held here Saturday, it was announced this week. The picnic, an annual affair that always attracts a large crowd, will be held on the Franklin school grounds, and the program will get under way at 10 a. m. Music, athletic contests, and games will feature the all-day gathering.

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 columns: High, Low, Prec.

* Trace.