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ORDER CHILDREN KEPT HOME AS POLIO SPREADS

Six New Cases, Three In One Family, Are Reported Here

With six new cases of poliomyelitis—three in one family—having developed here in the past five days, Dr. M. B. H. Michael, district health officer, Tuesday restricted public gatherings in this county, and ordered all children under 16 years of age kept strictly at home.

The health officer's action followed conferences here with local officials and physicians. The order bans children from theatres, Sunday schools, and vacation Bible schools.

One new case developed last Saturday, one on Sunday, three on Tuesday, and one Wednesday, bringing this county's total to eight.

All of the cases, save one, developed in the Rabbit Creek community, or in that general section of the county.

The new cases are:

Peggy Ruth Cunningham, aged 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cunningham, of the Bonny Crest section of Franklin, who was taken to the Orthopedic home in Asheville Saturday night, after an illness of two days. Latest reports were that she still is quite ill, but that it is too early to tell how serious her condition is.

Mary Frances Ammons, six-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Ammons, of the Rabbit Creek community, who was taken to Asheville Sunday night, after having been ill since the previous Tuesday. Her temperature is back to normal, it was learned here, but, in her case, too, physicians are not yet able to say what the outcome may be.

Johnny, 6, Walter, Jr., 4, and Jimmy, 2, three of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor, of Rabbit Creek, who were diagnosed Tuesday as suffering from the disease, and taken to the Orthopedic home.

Kenneth Rankin, aged 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rankin, of the Rabbit Creek section, whose illness was diagnosed as polio Wednesday morning. He was taken immediately to Asheville.

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Social Security Official To Be In Franklin Friday

A representative of the Asheville field office of the Social Security administration will be at the register of deeds office here tomorrow (Friday), instead of Tuesday of this week, as was previously announced.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The post office of Crawford was removed from Mr. E. L. Slagle's to Mr. Isaac Conley's, three miles nearer Franklin, and Mrs. Crawford has been appointed postmistress. This gives one mile and a half between Pineland and Crawford.

Revs. Wagg, Sherrill, Sheldon, Owen, Edes, and Messers. George Patton, Jake Slagle, Lee Crawford, and sister, Virgie, returned from the Methodist district conference yesterday.

25 YEARS AGO

Farm Agent Arrendale has been successful in securing two speakers to help him hold a series of farmers meetings during the month of August.

The State Board of Health is sending a dentist for about a month's work in the schools of this county. The amount of funds is limited and in order that he may be able to do the most work possible, different school districts will help arrange for his transportation to and from Franklin. The work is free.

10 YEARS AGO

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of St. John's church, Columbia, S. C., and a native son, of Macon, will be the preacher at the services of the Episcopal churches in the county next Sunday, August 7.



PVT O. W. STANFIELD

Stanfield's Funeral Held At Sugarfork

Last rites for Pvt. Oline W. Stanfield, Macon County man who was killed in France September 18, 1944, at the age of 37 were held at the Sugarfork Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Rev. Arvil Swafford officiated, and the local post of the American Legion, of which the Rev. Hoyt Evans is chaplain, conducted the rites at the grave, in the church cemetery. The body arrived here Monday, and was taken direct to the home.

Pvt. Stanfield, who entered the service in November, 1943, received his training at Fort Eustis, Va., Camp McCain, Miss., and Fort Meade, Md. He was at home once on furlough before going overseas.

Survivors include his widow, the former Reba Boston; four young children, Bobby, Richard, Elizabeth Ann, and Jimmy Edgar; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Stanfield; four sisters, Miss Ora Stanfield, of Franklin, Mrs. Claude Crunkleton, of Franklin, Mrs. Doyle Morgan, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Theron Horne, of Charlotte; and two brothers, Willie Stanfield, of Franklin, and T. L. Stanfield, of Pontiac, Mich.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

X-Ray Survey

Begun; Examinations Free To Adults

Chest X-ray examinations, free to all Macon County persons 15 years of age or older, were begun in Millshoal township Tuesday morning, starting point for the county-wide survey, when the mobile X-ray unit provided by the State Board of Health arrived there.

The X-ray unit and the plates are provided without charge by the state. Clerical work costs and incidental expenses will be paid from a fund raised in this county by donations.

The schedule called for the unit to go from Millshoal to Cartoogechaye yesterday (Wednesday), and to Otto school to serve Smithbridge township today and tomorrow.

The schedule for the remainder of the time the unit will be in this county follows:

August 7, Cowee school; August 10, Cowee school; and August 11 through 28, Franklin, on Phillips street, near the county jail.

Another mobile unit will be at Nantahala station August 18 and 19 and will offer the free X-ray service to persons living in the Otter Creek and Kyle communities.

Mrs. Frank Shope, county health nurse, said that it is hoped that every individual will take advantage of this opportunity, as the success of the survey is dependent upon the cooperation of the public. Other pertinent facts concerning the survey that Mrs. Shope said she felt that the public should know are:

The X-ray is free to the individual.

The X-ray examination takes only a minute or two.

The X-ray requires no undressing.

Each person examined will receive a report by mail.

The St. John's Episcopal church daily vacation Bible school, on Cartoogechaye, which had been scheduled to start next Monday, has been cancelled on account of the polio situation. It was announced this week by the rector, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan.

MANN'S OUSTER AS SCHOOL HEAD URGED, OPPOSED

Two Delegations Appear Before Board; Action Is Postponed

The county board of education Monday heard opposing delegations from Smithbridge township on the question of whether J. J. Mann should remain as principal of the Otto school.

One delegation, presenting a petition bearing 177 signatures, asked that Mr. Mann not be re-assigned to the Otto school. The second group, appearing before the board a few minutes later, urged that he continue as principal at Otto.

A third delegation appeared before the board to seek either the reopening of the one-teacher Buck Creek school or improvement in the present consolidation arrangement.

In addition to hearing the delegations, the board on Thursday, September 2, as the date for opening the county schools. It was explained that that date is tentative, depending on developments, especially with reference to polio. The county's schools usually open the latter part of August.

The board also decided to hold a called meeting at 2 p. m. Saturday, August 14, to assign teachers to the various schools in the county.

Mr. Mann, as well as other teachers in the county, will be assigned at that time. The session August 14 will be a joint meeting of the board of education.

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Name Cochran Night Police; Act On Fence

Employment of Homer Cochran as night policeman here, payment of the remainder of the bill for the paving of Depot street, and further discussion of the perennial problem of the fence, allegedly in the middle of Wilkie street, in the Bob Davis subdivision, featured Monday night's meeting of the Franklin board of aldermen.

The board also: Adopted the usual order for advertisement of last year's unpaid town taxes.

Ordered "no parking" signs painted on the concrete of the sidewalk in front of Stewart's gas station and traffic tickets given violators.

Voted to give all salaried employees of the town two weeks with pay, after one year's service. Only the policemen have received vacations in the past.

Discussed the possibility of some form of DDT spraying of the town as a polio preventive measure, and decided to follow the advice of the district health officer on the matter. At the suggestion of W. C. Burrell, it was decided to use some form of spray on the town dump, in any case.

Decided to go ahead with plans for improvement of Pauline avenue, a street whose residents.

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Two Facing Execution Are From Aquone, But Not Natives Of Macon

John Howard Long, 24, and James D. Pressley, who gave their addresses as Aquone, were sentenced to death at Waycross, Ga., last week, for the murder of William E. Edwards, of Cordele, Ga.

Although Pressley was arrested at Aquone some weeks ago, it was said at the sheriff's office here that neither he nor Long is originally from Macon County. Pressley, whose home is somewhere in Piedmont North Carolina, married an Aquone girl it was said, and it is understood that Long had lived at Aquone only a short time.

They were convicted of killing Edwards, an ex-serviceman, after he had picked them up along a highway north of Jacksonville, Fla. They were charged with rifling his pockets of \$7, and then driving off with his automobile.

They are sentenced to die in the electric chair August 27.



PFC. G. T. MARTIN

Pfc. Martin To Be Buried At Raleigh

Pfc. George T. Martin, son of Mrs. Ida H. Martin, of the Cartoogechaye community, and of the late Rev. J. L. Martin, will be buried in the national cemetery at Raleigh at 1 p. m. Thursday of next week. A telegram received by his mother Tuesday fixed the date.

Pfc. Martin was killed in action at Brest, France, August 30, 1944, at the age of 19.

A graduate of the Franklin High school and a member of the Mount Hope Baptist church, he entered the service December 10, 1943, and received his training at Camp Croft, S. C., and Fort Meade, Md.

Mrs. Martin will go to Raleigh for the services for her son. A daughter, Miss Dorothy Martin, of Waynesville, and a son, Frank Martin, of Lenoir, also will be present.

Other survivors are three sisters, Mrs. W. N. Dairymple, of the Cartoogechaye community, Miss Eula Martin, of Drexel, and Mrs. Winifred Brendle, also of Drexel.

Boy Who Shot

Father To Be Examined By Psychiatrist

No legal action has been taken against Stephen Shepherd, 10-year old Holly Springs boy, who shot and seriously wounded his father, Garland Shepherd, 42, with a .12 gauge shotgun at the Shepherd home last Thursday afternoon, it was said yesterday by Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr.

Mr. Bryson explained that he is deferring making a decision on what to do in the case, pending a psychiatrist's examination of the child, which members of the family have said they plan to have made, and pending recovery of the father and learning his wishes in the matter.

Mr. Shepherd, who was wounded about the head and face, suffered injuries to the right eye which made it necessary to remove the eye, it was said at Angel hospital. His condition was reported as satisfactory.

The boy, who it is said has proved difficult to manage for a number of years, shot his father, the latter told officers, after Mr. Shepherd had whipped him for fighting with another boy. Stephen entered the house and got the gun, his father said, and fired from the doorway. Mr. Shepherd was 50 to 60 feet away from the door at the time.

Sgt. Bumgarner's Rites To Be Held Sunday In Swain

Funeral services for S. Sgt. James Berlin Bumgarner, brother of Mrs. Oscar C. Bryant and Miss Frankie Bumgarner, of Franklin, will be held at the home of Sgt. Bumgarner's mother, Mrs. R. C. Bumgarner, of Whittier, Route 1, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Rev. John Hyatt, pastor of the Wilmot Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. Henry Cochran, of Alarka, and the Rev. C. E. Parker, of Franklin, will conduct the service, and the American Legion will be in charge of the graveside rites in the family cemetery.

Sgt. Bumgarner, who entered service in December, 1942, and went overseas in August, 1944, died February 20, 1945 of wounds. He was 32 years of age.

Arrest Of 4 Here Solves Burglaries In 3 W.N.C. Towns

J. M. Brogden Rites Set For Friday In Bryson City

Funeral services for T-5 James Brogden, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brogden, of the West's Mill community, will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bryson City Methodist church, with the Rev. D. P. Grant and the Rev. Jud Medlin, officiating. Interment will follow in the Arlington Heights cemetery, with military rites.

Mr. Brogden died on Luzon June 15, 1945, of wounds received two days earlier.

Mr. Brogden, who was educated in Bryson City and was a member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist church, entered service in December, 1942, and went overseas in August, 1943.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include four sisters, Mrs. H. P. Robison, of Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. W. T. Muse and Mrs. E. T. Garrison, of Belmont, and Mrs. J. P. Norton, of Franklin; and six brothers, Frank and Lesley, of Newport News, Va., Billie, of Kinzua, Ariz., Milton, of San Diego, Calif., and Ed. and Jimmy, of Franklin.

BAPTIST MEET TO OPEN TODAY

Annual Session Of Macon Association Will Be Held In Highlands

The Macon County Baptist association will hold its forty-fifth annual meeting at the Highlands Baptist church today (Thursday) and Friday.

The sessions will open at 10 o'clock this morning, with J. H. Stockton, moderator, presiding and will continue until mid-afternoon Friday.

Following this morning's song service and the devotional, to be conducted by the Rev. Paul Nix, business will be transacted. Appointment of reading clerk, and for church letter, enrollment of messengers, and organization. The moderator will recognize the visitors present, and the Rev. C. E. Parker, First church pastor here, will deliver the doctrinal sermon.

Lunch will be served at noon, and the afternoon session will open with song prayer by the Rev. J. I. Vinson.

Committees will be appointed.

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Plane Damaged When It Skids On Muddy Runway At Airport

Grant Zickgraf's AT-6 airplane was damaged in a taxi accident at the Franklin airport about 11:30 a. m. Tuesday. No one was hurt, and it was said at the field that the plane will be back in the air within a fortnight.

G. B. Perkins, airport manager, was piloting the ship. He was preparing to take off for Washington to deliver a portfolio belonging to Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall (Secretary Royall recently was at Cashiers on vacation at the time. Mr. Zickgraf said Mr. Perkins had been up to check the weather and had returned to the field to take on gas.

With the heavier load, the plane failed to take off from the wet runway, and, as it neared the end of the runway, Mr. Perkins put on the brakes. The ship, moving along the ground at about 10 miles an hour, skidded and nosed over into a ditch. As the ship went over, Mr. Perkins stuck to his plane to cut off switches and gasoline.

One blade of the propeller was bent in the accident, and the fire department was summoned when a carburetor blaze started, but the fire was under control before the firemen arrived.

Mr. Royall's papers were sent by automobile to Seneca, S. C., to be placed on a plane there.

Will Try Quartet This Month For Robberies In Highlands

Following the arrest here last week of two men and two women in an automobile loaded with burglar's tools, a series of Western North Carolina robberies has been cleared up, it was announced here yesterday.

The four face trial not only for breaking into and robbing Potts brothers store, the Highlands theatre, and Doyle's Sea-Service grocery in Highlands July 10, but for the \$7,000 robbery of Tiger's store in Hayesville last March, and the robbery of the Spruce Pine Laundry several months ago.

One or more of the quartet also has been implicated in post office robberies.

"We have the goods on them in the Western North Carolina cases, and are ready to go to trial," State Highway Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., who has done most of the work on the case, said yesterday as he left for Hayesville to take out warrants for the four in the Tiger's store robbery.

They will go on trial here in the Highlands robberies and on the charge of possessing burglary tools at the superior court term opening August 23, Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., announced.

In making the announcement, Mr. Bryson commented:

"Mr. Smith has done one of the smartest pieces of police work on these cases I have ever seen. We are fortunate to have such alert and diligent officers as he and those who have assisted him."

The four defendants are F. L. Phillips, 40, his wife, Mrs. Bonnie Phillips, 26, of Middlesboro, Ky., and Bern Garland, 22, and his wife, Mrs. Irene Garland, 20, of Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

At a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. M. Moore Monday, the four waived testimony, and were bound to superior court. Garland and Phillips and his wife were held under bonds of \$10,000 each on each of the two counts, a total of \$20,000 each. Bond for Mrs. Garland, whom authorities believe has had comparatively little to do with the series of crimes, was set at \$500. The courthouse was nearly filled by the crowd present for the hearing.

The four were arrested by Mr. Smith and Police Chief C. D. Baird Tuesday of last week, when Mr. Smith recognized the last three numbers of their automobile license as the same as those given him by a Highlands resident as having been noted on a suspicious car seen in Highlands just before the robberies there. When a search of the car revealed a quantity of burglary tools, Phillips ran, but was caught by Mr. Baird.

Wednesday night Mr. Smith separated the group, taking Garland and Mrs. Phillips to the Bryson City jail. Then he started work, confronting one defendant with another's admissions or with a bit of evidence he had dug up, until he got partial or complete confessions.

Mrs. Phillips and Garland have admitted the Highlands robberies, he said, and Phillips has refused to deny them. Mrs. Phillips also has given information about the Hayesville robbery, and clothing that came out of the Spruce Pine laundry

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The Weather

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

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	80	63	.09
Thursday	85	60	.08
Friday	85	58	.01
Saturday	84	57	.03
Sunday	74	63	1.11
Monday	80	65	4.57
Tuesday	77	66	.72
Wednesday	84	47	
Total rainfall for July 8.27.			
Mean monthly temperature			71.8.