

# The Franklin Press

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The Highlands Maconian

We are rarely consistent. When we say "government operation never works", we ignore the U. S. postal system, perhaps the best operated public utility in the world.

## 600 GET X-RAY EXAMINATIONS FIRST 5 DAYS

Mobile Unit Will Be In Franklin Till August 28

Nearly 600 Macon County adults were given free chest X-rays last week in the county-wide X-ray survey designed to determine if tuberculosis is present, so that it can be treated promptly.

Meanwhile, the mobile X-ray unit, after a two-day stay in Cowee township, set up in Franklin yesterday (Wednesday). It will be here through Saturday of next week.

Tuesday of last week, the opening day of the survey, 80 persons were X-rayed in Mill-shoal township, it was said yesterday at the county health department. The following day, 125 were X-rayed at Slagle. Thursday and Friday, 250 were examined at Otto. And 141 visited the clinic at Cowee Saturday for J-rays.

During its stay in Franklin, the mobile unit will be available to adults of Franklin and vicinity, as well as those in other sections of the county who were unable to visit the clinic when it was in their neighborhoods.

The clinic is situated on Phillips street here, next to the county jail. It operated five days a week, Tuesdays through Saturdays.

The survey offers free lung P-ray examinations to all persons 15 years of age or older, and it is hoped that all adults in the county will avail themselves of the opportunity to obtain this examination. A report, indicating what the X-ray picture shows, will be mailed to each person examined.

The X-ray, health authorities point out, by revealing the presence of tuberculosis, if it is present, makes possible early diagnosis and prompt treatment—thus improving the chances of recovery.

The mobile unit, the X-ray plates, and the technical personnel are provided without charge by the State Board of Health. Funds were raised locally, through donations, to pay for clerical and other expenses of the campaign.

## Home-Coming Postponed At Burningtown

The home-coming program at Burningtown Baptist church, which had been scheduled for Sunday, has been postponed on account of the polio situation. The program has now been set for Sunday, September 19, it was announced this week by the pastor, the Rev. C. C. Welch.

## Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. R. L. Porter bought the stock of merchandise of S. L. Rogers yesterday and requests us to state that the union of the two stores, together with a large stock of new goods, will make the largest and most varied stock ever seen in Franklin and that prices will be made to suit everybody in cheapness.

We are informed that Dean Sisk of our town has received a commission as brandy surveyor.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The first month of Camp Taukeetah culminated in a spectacular swimming meet in which all of the campers took part. Seventeen states were represented in the spectators. Among the visitors were Mr. C. C. Poin-dexter, the noted football star of U. N. C., Thomas Angel, a recent graduate of the University and Lee Barnard, who gave their assistance in carrying out the program.

### 10 YEARS AGO

It is announced from Washington that a WPA project was approved on August 2, providing for the expenditure of \$5,400 for the furnishing of school lunches without cost to the needy or undernourished children of Macon County. This project will operate throughout the county and be under the direction of the county board of education.

## Halted By Polio, Bible School To Be Held By Mail

Something new in daily vacation Bible schools is planned here—a school conducted by correspondence.

The school, which had been scheduled for the children of the Franklin and Morrison Presbyterian Sunday schools, had to be canceled recently, on account of the polio situation, but the pastor, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, this week announced plans for holding it by mail. Courses of study have been made out and sent to the homes, he explained.

The courses include reading, memory work, and handwork. The parents are asked to co-operate in the program by reading the stories to those children who are too young to read, by teaching or hearing the memory work, and by supervising the handwork.

It is planned to hold commencement exercises when the situation will allow the children to attend Sunday school again. Diplomas will be awarded to those who successfully complete the prescribed work. Extra credit and awards will be given to those who learn the extra memory work or make Bible scrapbooks.

## CAR INSPECTION LANE TO RETURN

Coming August 21; 1,400 Vehicles Still Await Approval

A state traffic lane, for the mechanical inspection of motor vehicles, will be set up here the latter part of next week, and will be in operation from Saturday, August 21, through Friday, August 27.

The lane was here from May 17 through May 25, and it will return next week to complete the task of inspecting motor vehicles in this county to ascertain if they comply with the new law relating to mechanical condition.

During its stay here in May, the lane approved 627 vehicles. Latest figures show that this county has 2,086 motor vehicles registered, indicating that more than 1,400, or approximately 70 per cent, remain to be approved.

Meanwhile, the director of the State Motor Vehicle department's mechanical inspection division has set up five deadlines during the remainder of 1948 for the various vehicle models to be presented for inspection.

Vehicles, according to the regulations, must be presented as follows, by not later than the dates given:

1. All motor vehicles of year models up to and including 1936 and vehicles of year models 1947 and 1948 must be inspected by August 31.
2. Year models 1937 and 1946 must be inspected by September 30.
3. Models 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944, and 1945 must be inspected by October 31.
4. Models 1940 and 1942 must be inspected by November 30.
5. Models 1941 and 1949 must be checked by December 31.

The mechanical inspection law, passed by the 1947 general assembly, requires that all vehicles must be inspected once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter.

The lane, it is understood, will be set up at the same location, at the foot of the West Main street town hill.

## Pfc. Martin's Rites To Be Held Today At 1

Last rites for Pfc. George T. Martin, son of Mrs. Ida H. Martin, of the Cartoogechaye community, who was killed in France August 30, 1944, will be held at the national cemetery in Raleigh at 1 p. m. today (Thursday). Mrs. Martin left here Sunday for Lenoir, where her son, Frank Martin, joined her for the trip to Raleigh. A daughter, Miss Dorothy Martin, of Waynesville, planned to meet them in Raleigh.

## FIELD DAY CANCELED

The annual Guernsey field day scheduled to be held at the Southern Dairies farm near Asheville August 26 has been canceled because of the polio situation.

## Week Passes With No New Polio Cases

Macon County - Wednesday passed its eighth day without a new case of poliomyelitis.

No new cases have developed here since Tuesday of last week, it was announced yesterday (Wednesday) at the county health department.

In the meanwhile, the precautionary restrictions imposed last week by health authorities continued in effect.

Children under 16 are to be kept at home, except that they may go in family groups, or in small groups approved by their families, on picnics, hikes, horse-back rides, etc., where they will not contact larger groups. They also may make necessary trips to doctors' and dentists' offices. In the Rabbit Creek community, where most of this county's cases have developed, however, all children are to be kept on their home premises.

And adults are requested not to meet in large, county-wide groups.

### Reports Encouraging

Meanwhile, reports from the eight Macon County children who are patients at the Orthopedic home in Asheville were encouraging.

The health department here, which gets a telephone report from the Orthopedic home each day, said yesterday that the

### DDT SPRAY ORDERED

Mayor T. W. Angel, last week wired for a sufficient quantity of DDT emulsion to spray the town dump, garbage cans, outhouses, and other fly-breeding places in Franklin. Health authorities believe polio is spread by flies. The spray material is expected to arrive shortly.

temperatures of all the Macon children are back to normal, and that all eight are eating well. All of them still are receiving heat treatments used in polio, it was said.

No indication has been given as to when any of the children will be permitted to return to their homes.

Two of the children—Milton Clouse, four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clouse, of the Watauga community, and Anita Marie Holland, aged three, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holland, of near Gneiss—have completed their two weeks' quarantine and now are out of isolation.

Members of the immediate families of patients at the Orthopedic home are permitted to visit the children, after the quarantine period, once a week. Sunday is the visitors' day at the institution.

### Cites Facts

In connection with the polio situation, Dr. M. B. H. Michal, district health officer, cited the following facts from a recent broadcast of the State Board of Health for the information of the public:

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The following facts, from a recent broadcast of the State Board of Health, were cited by Dr. Michal for the information Continued on Page Six—

## Silers Hold 97th Reunion With 97 Persons Present

Members of the Siler family held their 97th annual reunion here Thursday of last week with 97 persons present.

Addendance at the reunion, which is nearing a century of unbroken annual gatherings, was somewhat reduced by the fact that no children were present, due to the polio situation. Even so, eight states—North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee—and the District of Columbia were represented.

The meeting was held at the Charlie Slagle Memorial building, with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slagle as host and hostess for the occasion.

Following a morning spent in renewal of friendships, the nearly one hundred adults present gathered in the basement of the building for picnic dinner, an annual spread of prize dishes.

The program was held in the auditorium, with Carl S. Slagle and James M. Gray, president and secretary, respectively, for many years, serving in those

## J. H. STOCKTON HEADS BAPTISTS FOR FIFTH TERM

45th Annual Macon Meet Marked By Sermons And Reports

J. H. Stockton, Franklin attorney, was elected for his fifth consecutive term as moderator of the Macon County Baptist association, at the association's forty-fifth annual meeting, held Thursday and Friday of last week at the Highlands Baptist church.

Other officers are: The Rev. C. C. Welch, pastor of several Macon County churches, reelected as vice-moderator; Verlon Swafford, of Franklin, reelected clerk; Miss May McCoy, of the Oak Grove church, assistant clerk; J. H. Brookshire, of the Mount Hope church, reelected treasurer; and Mrs. S. C. Russell, of Highlands, historian.

Appointed by Mr. Stockton to serve on the executive committee for the coming year are the Rev. C. E. Parker, of Franklin, chairman, the Rev. Paul Nix, of Highlands, the Rev. N. E. Holden, of the Oak Grove church, Arvil Parker, of Mount Hope church, and George A. L. Cook, of Franklin.

Due to the polio situation, no children were present, and the attendance was somewhat smaller than in previous years. Association officials estimated that 200 were present for Thursday's sessions, and 100 or more on the second day.

The meeting opened Thursday morning, with Mr. Stockton presiding, and the Rev. C. E. Parker delivered the doctrinal sermon. Officers for the coming year also were chosen Thursday morning.

Highlights of the afternoon session were a sermon by Dr. M. A. Huggins, general secretary and treasurer of the State Baptist convention; a talk by Dr. W. K. McGee, of the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem; and a report on Christian Education, made by M. K. Kendall, of Mars Hill college. Dr. Mark Lovelace, of Wake Forest college, and Claude Gaddy, a representative of the council of Christian Education.

Dr. Zeno Wall, superintendent of the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, told of that institution's work at the Friday morning session, and the Rev. W. L. Sorrels delivered a sermon.

Friday afternoon was devoted chiefly to reports. At that session, too, the moderator appointed the 1948-49 executive committee.

It was decided to hold next year's session with the Ridgecrest Baptist church. In line with long standing custom, the meeting will be held on the Thursday and Friday preceding the second Sunday in August.

### HERE TWICE MONTHLY

After August 18, representatives of the N. C. Employment service and Unemployment commission will be in Franklin every other Wednesday, instead of every Wednesday, it was announced this week.



**WILL PRESIDE** — Judge George B. Patton, of Franklin, will preside at the August term of superior court, which will open here August 23. It will be the first time Judge Patton has held a court in his home county since his appointment as a special superior court judge.

## SEEKS A-1 MAN FOR ROAD POST

Kerr Scott Says He'll Consider Maconite For Area Job

W. Kerr Scott, North Carolina governor-nominate, is going to appoint as chairman of the State Highway and Public Works commission, "the biggest man I can find who will take the place", he told a reporter while here on a brief visit Thursday of last week.

"It doesn't make any difference whether he was for me or against me" in the primary campaign, Mr. Scott declared. "What I want is a man who will get in there and do a job."

After a brief pause, he added: "But he must be a man who can see the highway system from the viewpoint of the rural area. The time has come when we must have country roads that farm people can use to bring their produce to market any day in the year, not just when the weather is good."

At present, Mr. Scott said, he has no particular person in mind for the appointment.

Asked, jokingly, "Who are you going to appoint from Macon County as district highway commissioner, People here think it's time this county had a commissioner", Mr. Scott replied, seriously:

"You all recommend somebody, and I certainly will consider him."

Mr. and Mrs. Scott, accompanied by Dale Thrash, Scott district manager in the primary, and Mrs. Thrash, came here for a conference with Mr. Scott's Macon County managers, Charlie Sutton and Harley Stewart. The subject of the conference was not disclosed.

The meeting was held at the vocational agriculture department of the Franklin school, and while there Mr. Scott inspected the department, headed by E. J. Whitmore. He remarked that it was the best such set-up he has seen in North Carolina.

While here, Mr. Scott called on Dr. R. M. Rimmer, a one-time Alamance county neighbor, who has been ill in Angel hospital here for many weeks, suffering from acid burns.

## Highlands Theatre To Present Third Play August 30

The Highlands Community theatre will present its third play of the season, "The Beautiful People", in matinee and evening performances, Monday, August 30, at the Highlands High school auditorium.

The play, by William Saroyan, will be presented under the direction of Fred Allen.

Members of the cast include Mr. Allen, Virginia Wilcox, Ralph Mobray, Maxie Wright, Bob Dupree, Charles Wick, Jack Wilcox, M. S. (Bud) Thomason, and Craig Cranston.

### REUNION POSTPONED

The Shope family reunion, which had been scheduled for next Sunday at the Coweeta Baptist church, has been postponed indefinitely, due to the polio situation.

### REVIVAL CLOSED

A tent campaign, which was being conducted at Otto by Evangelist W. C. Sawyer, has been closed on account of the polio situation.

## WILL TRY FOUR AT COURT HERE FOR ROBBERIES

3 Charged With Highlands Robberies; August Term To Open Mon. Week

Trial of the two men and two women arrested here July 27 in an automobile containing burglar's implements is expected to highlight the criminal docket of the August term of Macon superior court, which will open here Monday of next week.

The four are charged with possessing of burglary and housebreaking implements and a concealed weapon, and two of the men and one woman are held for breaking and entering and theft in connection with the robbery of three Highlands business establishments July 10.

Meanwhile, and FBI check of fingerprints has revealed that Floyd L. Phillips, one of the quartet, has a long criminal record, and that his real name is James Floyd Philpott, Highway Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., who has developed the case, said this week. The FBI has no record of the other three defendants, Mr. Smith said.

The cases against the four are expected to be presented to the grand jury after it has been chosen and charged by Judge George B. Patton, of Franklin, who will preside at the August term of court. Judge Patton, who will substitute for Judge H. Hoyle Sink, originally scheduled to hold the court here, will be presiding at his first court in his home county since his appointment to the bench.

Other criminal cases on the docket cover a variety of law violations, but most of the defendants are charged with violation of the motor vehicle or liquor laws. In 23 cases the charge is driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

In one case, Nelson Jones is charged with providing a prisoner—L. C. Burleson—with hacksaw blades to aid his escape. Burleson, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, escaped from the Macon County jail several months ago, and has not been captured.

Of outstanding interest on the civil docket are damage suits totaling \$50,000 growing out of the death of Sheridan N. Reed, 17, in an automobile accident in Highlands August 31

## John C. Byrd

Macon Farmer, Dies At Age Of 86

John Curtis Byrd, 86, died at the home of his son, Ed B. Byrd, of the Tellico community, Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. He had been ill for several weeks.

Mr. Byrd, widely known Macon County farmer, was a native of this county, and had spent his entire life here. Born during the Civil War—April 17, 1862—he was the son of Joshua and Mrs. Saphronia Wild Byrd. He married Miss Lucy Morrison. Mr. Byrd was a member of the Snow Hill Methodist church.

Survivors include his son; two daughters, Mrs. Everett Bradley and Mrs. James R. Ramsey, both of the Tellico section; one sister, Mrs. Charles A. Raby, of Franklin, Route 3; 22 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Oak Grove Baptist church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. N. A. Holden and the Rev. D. P. Grant officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Clint Byrd, Ralph Bradley, Frank Byrd, Ralph West, Alvin Fullbright, and Thad Byrd, all grandsons.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Potts funeral home.

## The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	84	64	.14
Thursday	73	55	T*
Friday	78	43	.00
Saturday	74	49	.00
Sunday	77	44	.00
Monday	80	49	.00
Tuesday	80	56	T*
Wednesday	81	61	.01

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