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"AUNT DOCK" WALDROOP DIES AT HOME AT 93

Funeral Services Held At
Maiden's Chapel Friday

"Aunt Dock" Waldroop died last Thursday night at the home of her son, Lester Waldroop, in the upper Cartoogechaye community.

This jovial, outspoken, well known Macon County sports-woman and amateur naturalist, who was 93, knew the ridges and creeks of the Nantahala mountains, perhaps better than any other woman has.

She acquired this knowledge by spending a large portion of her life out in the mountains fishing, gathering herbs, taking stock to and from the mountains, and hunting.

Sympathetic and kind she acquired her nickname by ministering to the sick in her community. Possessed with a storehouse of knowledge as to the medical powers of the native herbs, she was doctor and pharmacist all in one, prescribing and filling her own prescriptions. Gifted as a story teller, her accounts of her hunting and fishing experiences lived many an evening gathering.

Born on January 6, 1855, Arra Ellen Cruse, a daughter of William and Emily Cruse, of Cherokee County, she spent most of her early life there. Even as a young girl she loved to hunt and fish and one fall participated in bear hunts on Choga creek with her brothers and aiding in the killing of 16 bears.

She lived in Macon County for more than 60 years making her home here ever since her marriage to Zeb Waldroop who died 37 years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Maiden's Chapel Methodist church, of which she was a member, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. Mrs. R. H. Hull conducting the service. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Neal Waldroop, Lester Waldroop, Jr., Curt Roane, Howard Cruse, Clifford Cruse, all grandsons, and Burl Southards.

Mrs. Waldroops is survived by five sons, Grover Waldroop, of Orick, Calif., Jake, Lester, and Grady Waldroop, and Ed Cruse of the Cartoogechaye community, one daughter, Mrs. Mary Morgan of Cartoogechaye; 32 great grandchildren, and 22 grandchildren.

Macon County Methodist Women To Take Part In Nation Wide Prayer Week

Methodist women from churches throughout the county will gather at the Salem Methodist church Thursday of next week for a "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial" program. The meeting, part of a Methodist-wide observance, will start at 10:30 a. m.

The topic for discussion will be "Light and Life for All He Brings", and women from the various churches will take part.

The program is expected to be completed about 1 o'clock, at which time lunch will be served. Those attending are requested to bring sandwiches or other light lunch.

The gathering is sponsored by the Methodist women's organizations—the Societies of Christian Service and the Franklin Guild—but it was emphasized that all women interested are invited. The Salem church is situated on the west side of the Cullasaja river, near the Salem school.

Preceding the Thursday program, a "Quiet Hour" service will be held, as a part of observance, by the Franklin church's Woman's Society and Guild Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the church here.

Macon Baptist Sunday School To Meet Oct. 24

The Macon Baptist Sunday School convention will meet October 24 at 2:30 p. m. at the Tellico Baptist church.

Taking part in the program will be: Rev. T. A. Slagle, Mrs. Charles Parker, Bill Raby, and Rev. Oscar Nix.



"AUNT DOCK" WALDROOP
Mrs. Waldroop, one of Macon County's oldest and best known citizens died at her home last Thursday at the age of 93.

RED CROSS WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 12

Blood Bank Program For
County Will Be
Outlined

The annual Red Cross meeting of the Macon County chapter will be held Friday night November 12 with a dinner meeting at the Slagle Memorial building, according to an announcement by H. H. Gnuse, chapter chairman. The announcement was made following a meeting of the executive committee last Friday night.

Two of the chief items to be taken up at the annual meeting Mr. Gnuse said are the election of officers for the coming year and the hearing of a talk outlining the establishment of a local blood bank by the Red Cross. The blood bank program will be explained by W. D. Dibrell, Red Cross General Field Representative for Western North Carolina.

At last Friday night's executive committee meeting, the following nominating committee was named by chairman Gnuse; James Hauser, chairman, Miss Lassie Kelly, and W. A. Hayes, of Highlands.

Clark's Chapel To Hold Hallowe'en Carnival

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Clark's Chapel church will sponsor a Hallowe'en carnival, to be held in the church basement, Friday evening of next week, starting at 7:30 o'clock. The event has been planned in order to raise money to make repairs to the basement. The general public, and especially people in the community are invited, it was said.

Mrs. Henry Slagle, 82, Views Wayah, Fontana From Air

An 82-year old lady, who many years ago made her first trip to Wayah Bald by walking up the ridge from the Kinsland place over the Buck knob to the top, flew over it in an airplane Friday.

Last week Mrs. Henry Slagle, of the Cartoogechaye community, heard her son, Dr. T. D. Slagle, and his wife, of Sylva commenting on how much they had enjoyed an airplane trip from Sylva over Fontana lake and dam. After listening to their comments on the beautiful scenery and how pleasant the trip was, she surprised everyone by exclaiming, "that's something I would like to do."

The next day in a Piper family coupe plane, piloted by Johnny Watson, of Sylva, she viewed Wayah Bald and Fontana dam and lake from 3,000 feet above. This was her first ride in a plane.

There was great apprehension among the family: "Would grandma be scared?" Well, she wasn't! As she stepped up on the footrest to climb into the small two-seated plane, she exclaimed: "Why, this is just like climbing in an old fashioned buggy!" and throughout the

33 Persons Found In Local Registration Who Are Not Able To Write Their Names

Thirty-three of the approximately 900 young Macon County men who have registered for the draft cannot sign their names, records of the local draft board show.

When a man registers for the draft, he is required to sign his registration card—or make his mark, if he cannot write.

Many others were able to sign their names, but said they could write nothing else and had never learned to read. Since there was no occasion for the board to keep a record of these, the exact number is not known.

Several registrants, it was said at the draft board office, volunteered the information that there were a number of children in their families none of whom attended school.

During the three-week draft

registration period, 884 young men, aged 18 through 25, registered for the draft, but a few additional ones, registered after that period, had been listed at the time the figures on illiteracy were compiled.

On a basis of the total figure the percentage of those who cannot even sign their names is approximately .039 or one out of every 27.

And the illiteracy rate is even greater among the youngest age group, the 18-year olds, men who presumably would have started to school as recently as 1936, and who are now just the age to be graduating from high school. Of the 104 men 18 years of age who registered, five cannot sign their names. That is at the rate of one out of every 21.

ALLEY TO TALK HERE SATURDAY

Judge Felix E. Alley will speak as a Democratic Rally Saturday night at the courthouse in Franklin at 8:00 o'clock. Judge Alley is well known here both as a judge and a speaker and a large crowd is expected to attend.

This will wind up the speakers to appear here this fall in behalf of the various political parties and their candidates.

General registration for the national, state, and county election to be held November 2 will also be completed Saturday and any one who has not registered to vote is advised to go to the voting place in their township and register before 6:00 p. m. Saturday.

October 30, the last Saturday before the election, Tuesday, will be challenge day.

Local Persons Take Part In Welcoming President

J. E. S. Thorpe, president of the Nantahala Power and Light Company and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slagle were among the thousands of North Carolinians who took part in welcoming President Truman to this state Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mr. Thorpe was among the guests at a luncheon given for the president by Governor and Mrs. Gregg Cherry at the state mansion.

Mr. Slagle, a member of the state board of agriculture, accompanied by his wife, and Mr. Thorpe were among those seated on the speakers stand at the state fair where President Truman addressed a large gathering Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Slagle, 82, Views Wayah, Fontana From Air

journey she seemed as content and happy as if she were riding in one.

As the plane cruised along at an average speed of 85 miles per hour 3,000 feet up in the air, Mrs. Slagle's brown eyes darted here and there picking out familiar landmarks down the Little Tennessee river valley. Occasionally she would ask: "How high are we?"

After circling Fontana lake and dam, the plane came back across the Nantahala gorge, just to the left of Wesser Bald, across Wayah, and circled Mrs. Slagle's home in the Cartoogechaye community.

After landing at the Franklin airport, when asked how she enjoyed the trip, her reply was: "Fine, and I didn't catch my breath a single time."

She commented that, from the air, the country between here and Fontana looked a great deal like Ireland with its woodland dotted with small fields. (Mrs. Slagle toured Europe several years ago.) She also said that she had now done another thing that she had always wanted to do, and that she thought it would be wonderful to fly to the West Coast some time.

Carnival To Be Given By Slagle PTA

Two social events are planned by the Slagle Parent-Teacher Association for next week.

The regular monthly meeting will be held at the Slagle school next Wednesday afternoon at 2:20 p. m.

On Thursday night, the organization, working in cooperation with the school teachers and children, will sponsor a Halloween carnival. Proceeds from the carnival will be used to buy school equipment and make repairs on the building.

A feature of the program will be the selection of a Hallowe'en queen. The following candidates for this position having been nominated from their respective rooms; first grade, Misses Lucille Anderson and Genevieve Nichols; second grade, Misses Barbara Nell Lewis and Carolyn Gregory; third grade, Misses Iva Lee Brookshire and Nancy Greenwood; fourth grade, Misses Mysa Crawford and Leota Beck; fifth and sixth grades, Miss Ruth Nicholson and Josephine Lenor; seventh and eighth grades, Misses Mary Kate Roane and Eileen Nicholson.

PTA CONDUCTS "DISCUSSION" ON STUDY AIDS

Parents should see that school children have a definite time and definite place to do home work, and that they are undisturbed while doing it.

That was one of several suggestions offered by teachers in an informal discussion, led by Mrs. C. E. Parker, on how parents can best help children with home work, at Monday night's meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

Other suggestions: Remind the child to study. Children become discouraged and need parents' sympathetic interest and encouragement.

The attitude of the parents has much to do with the child's attitude toward his school, as well as his home work.

While the parents should remind and encourage the child and provide suitable conditions, the home work should be done by the child—not the parent.

Mrs. Parkers was requested by Mrs. Frank M. Killian, program chairman, to conduct the impromptu discussion when the scheduled speaker of the evening, County Supt. Guy L. Houk, failed to appear. After a considerable wait, Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, association president, telephoned him, and returned to the auditorium to convey his regrets. He had become confused as to the date, she reported.

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FRANKLIN GIRLS

Two members of the Franklin Junior Music club—Sarah Elizabeth Parker and Edith Plemons—appeared on the program at the Western North Carolina district meeting of Federated

Two New Cases Of Polio Reported Here Wednesday

Two new cases of poliomyelitis were reported yesterday by the county health department. The victims are Meredith Ray Buchanan, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Buchanan, of near Franklin, who was taken to the Ortopedic home Wednesday of last week, and the four-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morgan, of the Camp Branch section, taken to the hospital Saturday.

This brings to 16 the number of polio cases that have developed in this county since July 14, when the first 1948 case was diagnosed.

THIS COUNTY'S FARM METHOD WINNERS NAMED

Miss Ann Teague and Jerry Potts were declared the county winners in the Better Farm and Home Methods contest sponsored in this area by the Nantahala Power and Light Company and will receive free trips to Raleigh to compete for area and state prizes.

Miss Teague, 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ned Teague, of Prentiss, submitted as her project a study of time saving methods in sewing. She outlined a step by step procedure showing that by careful planning and arrangement of her materials and equipment she could reduce many hours work on her sewing in a year's time. Also included in her project were several suggestions pertaining to the improvement of the light conditions where she worked.

Jerry Potts, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Potts, of Cullasaja, submitted an outline of procedure whereby he eliminated the necessity of carrying his milk to and from the spring twice daily by building a milk cooler next to the barn. The barn and cooler were both located near the road so that he again saved many work hours by not having to carry the milk from the spring to the road when it was ready for sale. The new milk cooler also greatly reduced the bacteria count in the milk thereby raising the price of the milk.

These two young 4-H club members will go to Raleigh on November 1 to the State Better Methods congress where the area winners will be announced. Area prizes, given by the Nantahala Power and Light Company, are two \$100 scholarships and two \$50 gold watches. They will be accompanied by Miss Ann Ray, assistant home demonstration agent on the trip to Raleigh.

Franklin Eleven Defeated By Sylva By 41 to 6 Score

The Franklin eleven lost to Sylva last Friday night on the Sylva field by a score of 41 to 6. The local team was out classed in all departments of the game and were completely unable to stop the powerful Sylva running attack sparked by 195 lb. Jack Cunningham, who played an outstanding game at quarterback.

For the local team Thomas and Henry were outstanding in the backfield with Pattillo and Brown performing best in the line.

Franklin plays Robbinsville Friday at Robbinsville.

Symphony Society To Meet Tuesday Night

Members of the executive committee of the Macon County unit of the N. C. Symphony Society, and all other persons interested in bringing the Little Symphony orchestra to Franklin again this season, are called to meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Allen Siler on West Main street.

Music Clubs in Waynesville

Others from Franklin attending were Mrs. Weimar Jones, club counselor, Mrs. C. E. Parker, Elizabeth Jones, and Patricia Landrum.

EXCAVATION TO BE STARTED FOR ELLIJAY SCHOOL

Well To Furnish Water
At New School Site
Being Drilled

Preliminary work on the construction of the new Ellijay school building was begun this week, it was announced by G. L. Houk, county superintendent of public schools.

In accord with the policy adopted by the County Board of Education at their last regular meeting, construction of the actual building will not be started until next spring but preliminary excavation work for the foundation and on grading the school grounds will be started on the drilling of a well to furnish water for the school.

Work has already been started

The wrecking of one of the old schoolhouses, not now in use, to furnish materials for the erection of a materials warehouse on the Ellijay school property will probably be begun next week, the county superintendent said.

Fred Moore has received the contract to do the excavation and grading work.

This school building when completed would consolidate the Gold Mine, Pine Grove, Higdonville, Salem and Mashburn's Branch schools. It would also serve a group of children who formerly attended the old Bethel school, but now go to Franklin.

This school site is located on U. S. highway 64 near the point where the highway crosses the Cullasaja river in the vicinity of the Higdonville road, and was recently purchased from DeWitt Thompson.

Supervisor Hired For 3 Lunch Rooms

Mrs. Ethel Hurst has been employed as lunch room supervisor for the Franklin, Otto, and Cowee school lunchrooms, it was announced by G. L. Houk, county superintendent of public schools.

Mrs. Hurst will have complete charge of the operation of the three lunch rooms.

She has had considerable experience in this field, having served as lunch room supervisor for the entire county program here for seven years under the Works Progress Administration.

The new lunch room supervisor assumed her duties last Monday morning.

Hallowe'en Carnival To Be Held At Otto School

A benefit Hallowe'en carnival and square dance will be held at the Otto school Friday night of next week, starting at 7:00 o'clock. String music will be provided for the square dancing. The affair, which is sponsored by the school, is to raise money for playground equipment.

RUMMAGE SALE

The mother's of Miss Edna Jamison's Fourth grade of the Franklin School will hold a clothing rummage sale on Saturday, October 30. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase a lavatory for the school room. Any person who wishes to contribute articles for the sale will please contact Mrs. Henderson Calloway.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	73	36	.00
Thursday	75	32	.00
Friday	71	32	.00
Saturday	68	36	.01
Sunday	73	48	.00
Monday	59	32	.28
Tuesday	65	21	.00
Wednesday	25	.00