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DEFER ACTION ON APPOINTING HIGHWAY GROUP

Commissioners Approve Burningtown Gap Road Plan

The Macon County board of commissioners and board of education in joint session Monday afternoon, discussed appointment of a five-man county advisory committee on secondary roads, but deferred action, pending more information.

The boards had received an indirect suggestion that such a committee be appointed to make recommendations to the State Highway Commission as to what secondary roads in this county should be improved with Macon's share of the \$200,000,000 state bond fund. After consideration, however, members of the two boards decided they should have more direct and specific information before acting.

An effort was made, accordingly, to reach L. Dale Thrash, division highway commissioner, by telephone. When Mr. Thrash could not be reached, the boards wrote him, assuring him of their desire to cooperate, but asking if he desires appointment of an advisory committee, and if so, what its duties and responsibilities would be.

The commissioners, at an earlier session Monday, approved a petition signed by 82 persons who live on the Burningtown Gap road, asking that the state take over and improve two miles of that road not now on the state map. Improvement of this two miles would make a complete connection between Franklin and Kyle, the petition pointed out, and would afford the shortest route between these points. Already, the petition said, there is a good road to the gap on the Nantahala side and a good road to the foot of the mountain on the Burningtown side.

The commissioners received a petition asking that a short

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
A company of stock-hunters, composed of Messrs. Will Sloan, Will Johnston, Will Jones and Misses Carrie Sloan, Annie Maxwell, and Ella Siler went out to the Nantahala mountains yesterday to hunt up cattle. Don't you know the cattle smole a smile when they saw the stock hunters coming?

Capt. William F. Moore, of Clay county, attended the old soldiers' reunion Friday and Saturday, and commanded the cavalry in the parade.

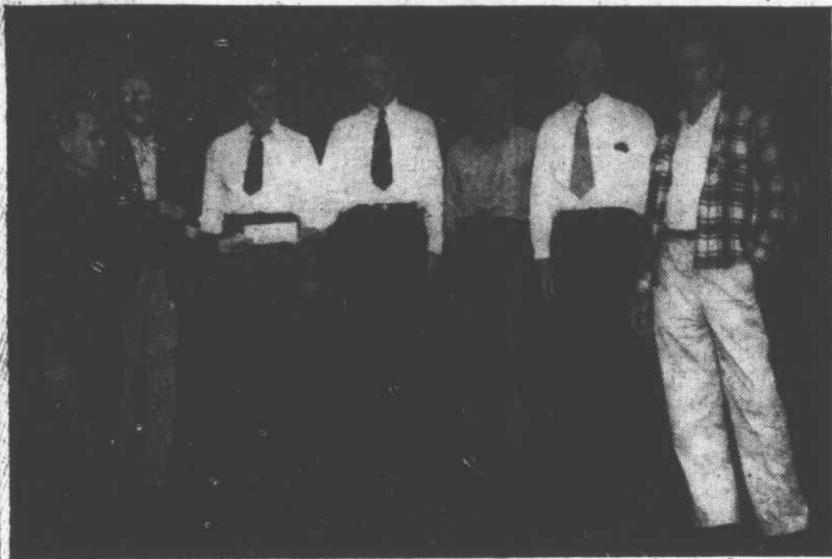
Miss Laura Jones now has a position as teacher of the primary department of Franklin High school.

25 YEARS AGO
At last Macon County has things coming her way. Within the past month, four important things have been assured: The electric plant and lake will mean much in the Development of Franklin and Macon County; the 16-foot concrete road from Franklin to the Georgia line gives us an all-year outlet south; the organization of the Western Carolina Telephone company assures Macon County an up-to-date telephone service; and Bob Addington recently has bought the Idle Hour Theatre and plans installing a new machine, opera chairs, and other equipment.

16 YEARS AGO
Willard Pendergrass, Siler Slagle, George Patton, H. E. Church, Jr., Brownlow Addington, Mack Patton, Charles Setser, Albert Ramsey, Jr., William Corbin, Sexton Vinson, Clinton Brookshire, Dennis Penland, and Mack Setser have gone to Raleigh, where they will enter N. C. State college.

A wedding of interest was that of Miss Frances Shearer, of Umatilla, Fla., to Bennie Lee McOlamery, of Franklin, which was solemnized on September 4.

Awards Presented At Coweeta



Letters of Commendation for Exceptional Service were presented to six Macon County men for their work at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory (experimental forest) at the ceremonies held at the forest last Friday afternoon in recognition of the unique research work that has been done there. Others for whom there were letters were absent. The letters were signed by Dr. I. T. Haig, director of the Southeastern Experimental station, of which Coweeta is a part. They were presented by E. A. Johnson, technician in charge at Coweeta, who is shown above, left, handing his award to William Carpenter. Left to right are Mr. Johnson, John B. Eilmore, Curt Chastain, Mr. Carpenter, Floyd Thomas, Marvin G. Howard, and Elmer L. Brown.



The climax of last Friday afternoon's recognition ceremonies at the Coweeta experimental forest was the presentation of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's "Superior Service Award" to the station. Dr. Charles R. Hursh, left, who has directed the outstanding research that won the award for Coweeta, is shown accepting it from Nathan Koenig, of Washington, executive assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture. (U. S. Forest Service photos.)

3,900 Enroll In 16 Schools In County

Approximately 3,900 children had enrolled in the Macon County schools Monday, figures compiled in the office of County Supt. Guy L. Houk showed.

This figure—at the end of the third day of school—was within about 200 of the total enrollment during the entire 1948-49 school year.

While complete figures were not available, Mr. Houk had received reports from seven of the county's 15 schools, including most of the larger ones.

The new Gullasaja school, which consolidated the Gold Mine, Pine Grove, Salem, Higdonville, and Mashburn's Branch schools, reported 346. This included approximately 60 elementary children who previously have been brought by bus to the school at Franklin.

The Franklin enrollment was 720 in the elementary school and 529 in the high school, or

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Softball Season Ends With Foresters, Oilers Tied

The Forest Service and the Oilers teams were tied for first place as the Franklin Softball league season closed Monday night.

Each of these teams won 10 games and lost five during the season.

Since both have lost players, due to young people's leaving for college, it was decided not to play off the tie.

The standings of the other teams in the league: Zickgraf, second place; Rotary, third; NP&LCo., fourth, and Van Raalte, fifth.

During the past 10 days or two weeks, the teams have been playing off games previously rained out, the final ones having been played Monday night.

End-of-season data follows:
Results
Thursday Night, September 8
Forest Service, 9; Oilers, 8.
Friday Night
Oilers, 12; Rotary, 10.
Forest Service, 13; Van Raalte, 11.

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100 STUDENTS LEAVE MACON FOR COLLEGES

Local Youths Enrolled In Institutions Over Nation

At least 100 Macon County young men and women will attend universities, colleges, and schools over the country during the 1949-50 college year.

The off-to-school exodus got under way about the first of this month and reached its peak this week. Most of the group have now gone, and the others will depart shortly.

While approximately half of the total number will attend half a dozen schools in North Carolina—the University of North Carolina, Woman's college, N. C. State college, Western Carolina Teachers college, Mars Hill college, and Brevard college—a score of other institutions, from Florida to Iowa, will have students from this county.

A list compiled by The Press, his week follows:

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill: Misses Barbara Stockton and Frances Furr, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Patton T. W. Angel, III, Victor Perry, James Furr, Clell Bryant, Perry Henson, Fred West, Bob Myers, M. S. Thompson, Hall Callahan, and Dean Henson.

Woman's College of the University, Greensboro: Misses Lucille Hannah, Catherine Furr, Katherine Nolen, and Mrs. Betty Callahan Martin.

N. C. State College, Raleigh: Ed Ledford, Ed Welch, Donald Seagle, James Patterson, Hayes Gregory, Kenneth Welch, William Roger Rickman, Frederick Slagle, Tom Setser, Bob Tippet, and Lewis Penland.

Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee: Misses Iris Cabe, Ruth Angel, Ruth West, Hazel Moses, Phyllis Moses, and Larry Cabe, Alan Brooks, Harley Stewart, Fred Setser, and Milton Higdon.

Mrs. Hill College, Mars Hill: Misses Betty Leatherman, Sarah Elizabeth Parker, Nancy Calloway, and Helen Wilson and Charles Conley, Jr., Guy Wiggins, and Frederick Corbin.

Brevard College, Brevard: Misses Maxine Renshaw and

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HOME AGENT—Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, recently appointed home demonstration agent for Macon County, will assume the duties of that position today. Mrs. Sherrill, a native of this county, served as home agent here from 1939 to 1947.

N. C. SYMPHONY DRIVE TO OPEN

The campaign for memberships in the N. C. Symphony society will get under way in this county next Monday.

The Little Symphony orchestra's performances here are made possible by the society.

The orchestra has come here each spring for the past few years for two concerts, an evening performance for society members, and a free matinee for school children. Children from almost every school in the county heard the free concert last March, given at Friendship tabernacle.

W. N. Sloan, Symphony chairman in Macon County this year, has stressed the thought that the campaign is one for better music in North Carolina, and particularly in Macon County, and that the purchase of memberships should be considered as the payment of dues in an organization devoted primarily to the musical education of the children, rather than as the purchase of tickets—though a membership entitles the holder to attend the evening concert here, as well as any concert in

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DEAD OF 2 WARS WILL BE LISTED AT COURTHOUSE

Plan 2 Bronze Plaques; Memorial To Express Macon's Gratitude

Plans for the erection of bronze plaques bearing the names of the Macon County men who gave their lives for their country in World Wars 1 and 2 were announced this week, following a conference of representatives of four organizations.

It is proposed to erect the plaques—one for those who made the supreme sacrifice in World 1, and one for those who lost their lives in World War 2—on each side of the courthouse door, where they will be most often seen.

Appealing to the gratitude of the people of this county to the men who died that freedom might live, the representatives of the Macon County Memorial association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the American Legion, who decided on the form of the memorial, expressed the hope that the funds necessary to erect the plaques will be contributed without a campaign.

They issued a statement setting forth the plan and explaining that contributions may be made to anyone of the following signers of the statement:

H. W. Cabe, treasurer of the Memorial Association, Weaver Shope, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Woodrow Shope, adjutant of the V. F. W., Mrs. Lon Dalton, president of the Legion Auxiliary, Gilmer A. Jones, chairman of the Memorial Association, Pritchard Smith, finance officer of the Legion, or Hoyt Evans, chaplain of the Legion.

Meanwhile, E. G. Crawford asked for the assistance of relatives and friends in compiling a list of the Macon County men who lost their lives in World War 2.

The four-organization statement, captioned "Not Duty, But Gratitude", follows:

"Where they will be most often seen, two bronze plaques will be erected on either side of the courthouse door, one bearing the names of the veterans of World War I, the other bearing the names of the veterans of World War II, who lost their lives in the service.

"The school children and a few individuals have already contributed \$120 toward the plaque to the veterans of World War II, but the total cost will be \$975 for both. It is hoped that no drive to raise the remainder of this money will be necessary, but that each school room, each church, each Sunday school class, each civic organization, and each individual in the country will help according to their desire—according to the depth of their gratitude.

"The form of the memorial was decided upon by representatives of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Macon County Memorial Association, but it will be erected by the people at large—it will be their tribute.

"Some may not agree with

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VETERANS TO PICNIC
A picnic for ex-servicemen and their families will be held at "High Haven", the Gilmer A. Jones camp on Wayah Bald Sunday. It was announced this week. Picnic baskets will be opened at 1 p. m. Members of the committee in charge are Harold Enloe, William (Bill) Waldrop, and Charles Waldrop.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	86	64	.57
Thursday	81	57	.03
Friday	74	52
Saturday	70	43
Sunday	72	37
Monday	77	39
Tuesday	81	44
Wednesday	81	48

FRANKLIN RAINFALL
(As recorded by Manson L. Stiles, TVA weather observer).
None.

Famed Woman Acrobatic Flier Here On Vacation

Betty Skelton, famed woman flier, arrived here Monday for a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Skelton, of Tampa Fla., who are spending some time at Panorama Court.

Miss Skelton, who holds the international acrobatic championship for women, flew her own tiny plane, "The Little Stinker Too", to Franklin, and set it down at the Franklin airport at 12:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, after circling Franklin. Twentyfive or 30 automobile loads of Franklin people were on hand to meet her.

The miniature craft, a specially built Pitts Special, has a wing span of only 16 feet, and is 14 feet long. A previous plane owned by Miss Skelton she christened "Little Stinker", and when she bought this one, she

added the word "too" to the name. Like the former plane, this one carries a picture of a skunk on its side.

Acrobatic fliers compete annually in Miami, and for the past two years Miss Skelton has won the international women's championship. She is only 23, but has been flying for about 10 years, he father said.

She participated in the Cleveland National Air races earlier this month, and just prior to that had appeared at air shows in London and Belfast. At a recent Chicago show, she was the only civilian taking part in an army air force show, where she demonstrated a new plane.

Her father, also a flier, during World War 2 was employed as a civilian trainer of army pilots. Her mother is a pilot, too.



FAMED FLIER HERE—Betty Skelton, internationally known stunt flier, is pictured above standing beside her tiny, specially built plane. The photograph was made shortly after the 23-year old Miss Skelton landed at the Franklin airport Monday afternoon. She is here visiting her parents, who are on vacation at Panorama Court. (Reproduction in this issue, which went to press late Wednesday, of a photograph of a Monday afternoon happening, is possible through the courtesy of the Macon Flying Service Tuesday flew the photograph of Miss Skelton and her plane to Gainesville, Ga., where a photo engraving (cut) was made, and then flew the cut back to Franklin.)

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