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## FINNS WAGING HEROIC BATTLE TO STAY FREE

### Stones Tells How Forest Helps Little Nation Meet Reparations

By maintaining and utilizing their forest resources, the people of Finland are managing to hold on to their freedom, despite terrific odds, J. Herbert Stone, just back from Europe, said in an interview here this week.

Mr. Stone, one-time supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest and now U. S. regional forester, with headquarters in Atlanta, was one of six men chosen by the U. S. Forest Service to attend the third World Forestry Congress in Helsinki, Finland, last summer.

Despite her heroic struggle, little Finland finally was defeated by big Russia, and now is forced to pay the Soviets heavy reparations, Mr. Stone said. Furthermore, the Soviets—presumably in order to keep Finland under Russian control—when they fixed the reparations payments wrote in a clause providing heavy penalties for tardiness in making payments—any payment that is late is multiplied many times. So the Finns again are engaged in a struggle with Russia, but this time, they are winning.

"And it is the Finnish forests that are helping the people maintain their freedom," Mr. Stone said.

The Russians, he explained, will not accept money payments, nor do they want the wood and wood products that make up 90 per cent of Finland's exports. One item they insist upon is tugs, which are made of steel—a scarce item in Finland.

To meet the Russian demands, and thus preserve their freedom, the Finns have lowered their standard of living—Helsinki, with its unpainted houses, is terribly drab, Mr. Stone said. But they are making their forests grow every tree possible, and are draining some of the swamps that make up a third of Finnish territory, in order to have more land on which to grow trees.

And their processing plants are kept in A-1 condition, so that Finland can manufacture

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## Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Men's suits from \$5 to \$15. Boys' suits from \$1 to \$5. H. G. Trotter & Son.—Adv.

Don't forget that Everett Franks will sell goods as cheap as any man in town.—Adv.

I am just getting in my fall line of shoes. I am also getting in a good line of groceries and would like to have you call and examine prices. Jean P. Bryson.—Adv.

See my rates and prices on them before you buy. Big line, Frank T. Smith.—Adv.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The following from Macon County are attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: R. S. Jones, C. L. Fouts, H. C. Fouts, T. D. Slagle, P. R. Newman, F. H. Scruggs, H. G. Trotter, Claude Tallent, and C. C. Poindexter.

Messrs. Lawrence Ramsey, J. W. Addington, and County Agent Arrendale left by motor Tuesday morning for Chester, S. C., to buy a carload of purebred and grade Guernsey cattle.

### 10 YEARS AGO

W. C. Burrell announced Wednesday that the new building under construction on the lot adjoining Chevrolet Motor company's headquarters will be occupied by the Macon Theatre, Clyde Galley, manager.

The Franklin chapter of Future Farmers of America Tuesday elected officers for the year as follows: Roy Fouts, president; Wayne Bradley, vice-president; Bob McClure, secretary; Lyle Shepherd, treasurer; and Mrs. Whitmire, adviser.

## Foresters To Measure Merchantable Timber Before It Is Felled

Methods and procedures for measuring merchantable national forest timber before, rather than after, it is cut are being worked out at a conference here this week of representatives of the five Appalachian forests.

At present, national forest timber sold to private business is first marked, then cut by the purchaser, and then scaled (measured for board feet), log by log. Since it is not possible for the buyer to cut all the timber at once, and since it is necessary to get logs that have been cut to the mill as rapidly as possible, the present method means a trip to the area by a forester first to mark the trees to be cut, and then, as it is cut, trip after trip to scale the logs, it was explained by J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, who is attending the conference.

Under the new method, the forester will mark a tree and at the same time "measure" it for board feet. This is done, Mr. Stone explained, through use of such devices as Abney levels and Biltmore sticks. The method calls for measurement of trunk's

circumference at the base of the tree; then the forester determines the height through geometrical calculation of angles.

The system, which already is in use in the pine forests of the Coastal Plain area, will save the forester's time, save considerable in automobile expense, and make it possible for the forester to better plan his time, Mr. Stone said. He added that the purpose is to make the funds appropriated to the Forest Service accomplish more.

Phil Ryan, former supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, now assistant regional forester, is in charge of the meeting. While the conference is chiefly for the timber management assistants of the five forests in this region, the supervisors or assistant supervisors also are attending.

The five forests represented are the Nantahala, Pisgah, Chatahoochee, Cherokee, and South Carolina.

The conference, which opened Tuesday, is scheduled to end today.

## LENOIR IS HELD IN AUTO DEATH

### Bateman Infant Fatally Hurt When Thrown From Car

The two-and-a-half month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bateman, of near Franklin, is dead, and John Wiley Lenoir, also of near Franklin, is held in jail, as a result of an automobile accident on Highway 23, about seven miles south of Franklin, last Saturday evening about 7:45 o'clock.

The child, Tony Stephen Bateman, and his mother were thrown from their car when it was struck in the rear by an automobile operated by Mr. Lenoir, Highway Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., said, after an investigation. The Bateman car was turning into a driveway at the time.

The child died in a hospital here Saturday night. A charge of manslaughter has been preferred against Lenoir, and he is still in jail, having failed to post the \$1,500 bond required. He will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace J. M. Moore at 11 a. m. today (Thursday).

Funeral services for the child were held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Coweeta Baptist church with the Rev. William Sorrells officiating. Burial was in the Rush cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Potts funeral home.

Survivors in addition to the parents, include one sister, Sarah; a brother, Toby; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bateman, of Franklin, Route 2; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ledbetter, also of Route 2.

## Zone Meeting Of W. S. C. S. Will Be Held Here Oct. 7

The annual Macon County zone meeting of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at the Franklin church Friday of next week (October 7), starting at 10:30 a. m.

All interested women throughout the county, as well as members of the societies in this county are invited to attend, Mrs. Fred Slagle, zone chairman, said. Persons attending are asked to bring something for a covered dish luncheon. A brief session will be held in the afternoon.

Mrs. J. R. Long, of Bryson City, president of W. S. C. S. in the Waynesville district, will attend and appear on the program.

This zone includes all Methodist churches in Macon County.

### SUB-DISTRICT TO MEET

The sub-district meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held at Bethel church Monday night at 8 o'clock.

## BROWNING WINS SCHOOL BOARD POST OVER LOVE

### Mrs. Dowdie, Previously Backed By Majority, Not Considered

Frank Browning, farmer of the Oak Grove community, has been appointed to the county board of education to succeed Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, resigned.

The appointment was made by the county Democratic executive committee, which is authorized by law to fill a vacancy on the school board, at a meeting last Wednesday night.

The 10 members present were reported to have been equally divided, five voting for Mr. Browning, and five for T. T. (Tillery) Love, of the Nantahala section, and Chairman T. H. (Tom) Johnson had to break the tie, casting the deciding vote for the Oak Grove man.

Mr. Johnson two weeks earlier said he was "undecided whether or not it will be necessary to call a meeting," explaining that seven of the 13 members of the executive committee had signed a statement favoring Mrs. C. N. Dowdie. At last week's meeting, however, her name was not brought up. No explanation of the shift was given.

The executive committee is made up of the 12 precinct chairmen and the county chairman.

Mr. Browning previously served four two-year terms on the board of education, but failed of renomination in the Democratic primary election in 1948. In that race, in which 14 sought the five places on the board of education, he was in sixth place, or op man among the nine who failed to win the nominations.

The school board now is made up of Chairman C. Gordon Moore, Walter Gibson, Fred Edwards, Mr. Browning, and Bob S. Sloan.

## Cook To Fill Baptist Pulpit Here Sunday

The Rev. W. N. Cook, retired Baptist minister, will fill the pulpit at the First Baptist church here at the 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. services Sunday. It was announced this week by Paul Carpenter, chairman of the church's pulpit committee.

## Smith Is Leaving; No Word Received On His Successor

Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., who has been ordered transferred from Franklin to Shelby, will leave for his new post Saturday morning. Mr. Smith's family will remain in Franklin for the present, he said.

No word had been received yesterday as to whom the state highway patrol will assign to succeed him in Franklin.

## Gibbs, Phillips Moved; Murray And Martin New Methodist Pastors Here

Pastors of two Macon County Methodist churches—the Rev. A. C. Gibbs, of the Franklin church, and the Rev. R. L. Phillips, of the Franklin circuit—were ordered transferred at the denomination's Western North Carolina Conference in Winston-Salem Monday.

Mr. Gibbs goes to Trinity church, on the Thomasville circuit, and Mr. Phillips was moved to Shepherds church, between Mooresville and Statesville.

Mr. Gibbs will be succeeded here by the Rev. C. E. Murray, and Mr. Phillips' successor will be the Rev. D. V. Martin. Efforts to obtain detailed information about the two new pastors, however, were fruitless. At press time yesterday, the Rev. C. N. Clark, district superintendent of this district, had not returned to his home in Waynesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs also still were away, though they were expected back late Wednesday. Mr. Phillips, back in Franklin, said he had learned little about the new ministers assigned here.

Mr. Murray, it was learned,

comes here from the Marvin charge, Winston-Salem, Route 7. The records of the conference show it to be a church with a membership of 465. It is understood he has been in the ministry about 15 years.

Mr. Martin is understood to have had an assignment last year in the Asheville district. All other pastors of Methodist charges in this county were reassigned—the Rev. R. E. Early to Highlands, the Rev. L. C. Stevens to the Macon Circuit, and the Rev. Isabel Hull to the West Macon circuit.

The Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., and the Rev. W. Jackson Huneeycutt, recent pastors of the Franklin church, were given the same assignments they had last year, Mr. Brendall, Central church at Kings Mountain, and Mr. Huneeycutt, West Asheville church. Mr. Brendall also was named director of evangelism for the Gastonia district.

Assignments of other ministers who have held pastorates in this county in recent years or are otherwise well known here include:

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## Franklin Nine To Meet Sylva Here On Sunday

The Franklin baseball team will meet the Sylva nine on the local diamond Sunday at 3 p. m.

The battery for Franklin will probably be C. D. Corbin, pitching, and Milton Higdon, catching.

This may be the last baseball game of the season.

## Station Here Tops All N. C. In Recruiting

Both the Franklin army and air force recruiting station and M. Sgt. C. M. Faircloth, station commander, took top places in North Carolina for August.

This station, with enlistments amounting to 124 per cent of its quota for the month, had the best percentage rating of any of the 24 sections in North Carolina, according to an army announcement received here. Given a quota of 17 men, the station actually enlisted a total of 21.

The only stations even approaching Franklin in percentage were Gastonia, with 106 per cent, and Raleigh with 100. Sgt. Faircloth personally obtained 12 enlistments, giving him the top recruiting position among individual station commanders.

The station here serves North Carolina's six most southwestern counties.

## 1,500 HERE SEE PANTHERS LOSE TO HAYESVILLE

### Franklin Team Will Meet Murphy On Local Grid Tomorrow Night

Playing before more than 1,500 fans, the Franklin Panthers absorbed a 28 to 7 defeat from an alert, capable Hayesville eleven on the local field last Friday night.

The Panthers will play their second home game of the season tomorrow (Friday) night when they will meet Murphy on the local field. Kick-off time will be 8 o'clock.

In last week's encounter, Hayesville scored early in the first quarter when the local team was forced to punt from their own five-yard line and Palmer, center for the visitors, broke between guard and center, blocked the kick, and fell on the ball over the goal line for a touch down. The try for extra point was good, making the score 7 to 0 in favor of Hayesville.

Following a see-saw battle between the 30-yard stripes

### BAND WILL PLAY

The newly organized Franklin school band will make its first appearance at Friday night's football game here, under the direction of S. F. (Sammy) Beck, band instructor.

which lasted into the second quarter, with both teams making short gains, Hayesville passed from the 35 to the 27, with White, the receiver, being completely in the clear and going the remainder of the distance for a touchdown. The extra point was blocked.

Shortly after receiving the kickoff, Franklin scored on a 54-yard run by Henry. The Panther left halfback broke loose on a quick opening play through the right side of the Franklin line and sped down the right side of the field almost before Hayesville realized who had the ball. Archer split the uprights with his placement for extra point.

The second half of the game was completely dominated by the boys from Clay county, with Franklin losing control of the ball by fumbles every time they gained possession of it. Hayesville scored twice more on pass plays, the pass defense of the local eleven showing up as extremely weak.

Long and Thompson were standouts in the Hayesville offense, while Palmer and George played fine defensive ball.

Henry and Huggins looked good for Franklin in the backfield during the first half, with Jones, Brown, and Thomas playing the best game in the line. Foster, Jack Norton, and Ray, who were not in the starting line-up for Franklin, played good defensive ball for the Panthers. Ray, who was carried from the field on a stretcher, was not seriously injured, as first thought.

The line-ups for last Friday's contest:

Franklin	Pos.	Hayesville
Norton	LE	White
Wilson	LT	Davis
Brown	LG	Cheek
Alsop	C	Palmer
Thomas	RG	Saltz
Jones	RT	Moore
Pattillo	RE	George
Archer	Q 3	Savage
Henry	LHB	Long
Huggins	RHB	Thompson
Shields	PB	Garrett

## 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	76	48	...
Thursday	80	48	...
Friday	74	49	...
Saturday	68	35	...
Sunday	67	33	...
Monday	54	37	.02
Tuesday	65	53	.06
Wednesday	51	30	.02

### FRANKLIN RAINFALL

(As recorded by Manson L. Stiles, TVA weather observer) For 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. Tuesday, .38 of an inch. Other days, none.

## Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:30 p. m.—Franklin Lodge No. 452, Loyal Order of Moose, at Old Legion hall.

8 p. m.—Football: Franklin vs. Murphy on Frankin field.

### SATURDAY

7:30 p. m.—Teen Age club at Skyway hotel.

8 p. m.—Franklin Junior Music club at home of Martha Ann and Beverly Stockton.

8 p. m.—Square dance (American Legion benefit) at Slagle Memorial building.

### MONDAY

10 a. m.—Board of county commissioners at courthouse.

10 a. m.—County board of education at courthouse.

10:30 a. m.—Macon County Baptist Ministers conference at First Baptist church.

3 p. m.—Franklin Garden club at Memorial building.

7 p. m.—Franklin Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts, at Memorial building.

7:30 p. m.—Franklin board of aldermen at town office.

### TUESDAY

7:30 p. m.—Junaluskee Lodge No. 145, A. F. and A. M., at Masonic hall.

### WEDNESDAY

7 p. m.—Franklin Rotary club at Memorial building.

8 p. m.—Signal Tel. & Tel. Operations (army reserve) Company No. 3547 at Agricultural building.



**HAS BRIGHT OUTLOOK**—A good business head, plus a cheerful disposition make it possible for Lawson Shook, former fighting service man, who lost the sight of both eyes in service, to have a bright outlook for the future. Mr. Shook, who is enrolled on the farm training program, is shown inspecting one of the 340 New Hampshire Reds he is raising. They furnish him a steady income through the sale of hatching eggs. This summer he has averaged 30 dozen eggs per week. He now has two modern chicken houses and plans to enlarge his flock to 500. During the two more years he has on the training program, he hopes to build a new home, establish a successful chicken business and develop some beef cattle. This veteran spent two years, two months in government hospitals before he came home.

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