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## \$667 RAISED FOR FRANKLIN SCHOOL BAND

Goal Is \$2,000; Plan Concert On Square Saturday At 11

With \$667 worth of members' having been sold during the first two weeks of the drive, the campaign to raise funds for the Franklin school band, which is sponsored by the Franklin Lions club, is moving forward.

A total of \$2,000 is sought, the funds to be used for the purchase of band instruments. Frank B. Duncan, president of the Lions club, said that "it is impossible to make certain that every single person is personally contacted, although it is the aim of the Lions club to reach every person who wishes to obtain an honorary membership in the band".

To make sure everyone has an opportunity to aid the band, he said, he has designated the following places where memberships may be obtained:

Farmers Federation, Cagles cafe, Angel's Drug store, Franklin Hardware company, the Bank of Franklin, Burrell Motor company, Sossamon Furniture company, Dowdle Wholesale company and Duncan Motor company.

Plans were made at Monday night's meeting of the club to have the band play on the square Saturday at 11 a. m., during which time memberships will be solicited by club members from persons hearing the open-air concert.

## Men's Club To Hear School Committee Report On Saturday

A committee appointed to seek improvement of Slagle school will make its report at Saturday night's meeting of the Cartoogechaye Men's club.

The meeting is set for 7 o'clock at the Community house. Club officials said all citizens of the Slagle school district, as well as members of the county board of education and the county superintendent of schools, are invited.

## Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. Jule Robinson went to Waynesville Saturday to clerk in J. C. Wright's store.

J. A. Munday, of Aquone, was in town Saturday and Sunday for the first time in eight months.

When the present editor of the Asheville Citizen succeeded John P. Kerr, we thought him a worthy successor, but we must confess that an editor who is so deficient in agricultural knowledge as to not know a corn-crib from a baby-cradle would, if sent out to gather 'possums and 'taters, climb a 'possum tree to gather 'taters, and trull a gourd vine to pull 'possums.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Capt. Frank Swan and Mr. Vernon Swan have been in the county a few days in the interest of Delco lights.

Judge Zeb Baird left last Sunday to spend some months in Houston, Texas, with his son, Mr. Hugh M. Baird.

Some knock-kneed scalawag set fire to the woods a few miles from here and the fire has been destroying property for nearly a week and the smoke is still rising. A number of our neighbors have almost exhausted themselves fire-fighting—Elliay item.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Bryson, Jr., and family, of Bryson City, arrived Tuesday to make their residence in Franklin, where Mr. Bryson will pursue his profession, the practice of law.

James Richardson Martin, 88, died at his home in the Rainbow Springs section Saturday afternoon.



CPL. JOHN H. KEENER, JR.

## CLINICS STILL CROWDED HERE

650 Immunized Against Diphtheria During Past Week

The public health clinics continue crowded, as parents bring their small children to health authorities, for immunization from diphtheria.

Mrs. Gladys Mae Shope, public health nurse here, said this week that she had given the diphtheria "shots" to 650 during the past week.

A total of 133 were given, at Saturday's clinic, and 112 at the clinic Monday, and Mrs. Shope gave immunizations to more than 200 at the Cowee school, 88 at the Iotia school, 75 at Slagle, and 58 at Union.

This is in addition to the 230 immunized at the Saturday and Monday clinics here 10 days ago, and to the hundreds who have been to private physicians.

Meanwhile, Ralph Swafford, three-year old brother of the two little Swafford girls who died of diphtheria earlier this month, contracted the disease last Wednesday and was critical for 48 hours. The child, hospitalized Wednesday, is now recovering at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Swafford, of Franklin, Route 3.

Despite the rush, Mrs. Shope believes the job of immunizing young children in this county is far from complete. She estimates that there are between 1,500 and 2,000 children in the county between the ages of six months and six years—the period at which immunization is considered most necessary.

The state and U. S. public health services recommend a series of three shots, at four-week intervals, at the age of six months, Mrs. Shope said, with one "booster" dose at the ages of two and a half, and another at the age of five.

## Thanksgiving

Union Service Planned Next Wednesday

The annual union Thanksgiving service, in which the four Protestant churches here participate, will be held next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the First Baptist church, it was announced this week.

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. C. E. Murray, Franklin Methodist pastor. Pastors of the other churches also will have parts in the service.

J. E. S. Thorpe is reported recovering, following a major operation at the Foundation hospital, in New Orleans, last week.

## Urges Macon Folk To Complete Memorial To County's War Dead

With the approach of Thanksgiving, the people of Macon County this week are asked to show their gratitude to the men from this county who gave their lives in World Wars 1 and 2 by completing the fund being raised to erect bronze plaques bearing the names of Macon's war dead.

The following statement was issued by the Macon County Memorial association, of which Gilmer A. Jones is chairman:

How many men were killed in World War I? How many in World War II? How many of these men can you name? Where can a record of their

## MILITARY RITES FOR KEENER TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Body Of Youth, Shot Down In Yugoslavia, Brought Back Home

The body of Cpl. John H. Keener, Jr., 19-year old Macon County youth who was shot down over Yugoslavia August 7, 1944, was brought back home late yesterday, and will be given a military funeral Sunday.

Following a service at the First Baptist church here at 2:30 o'clock, the body will be interred at the Franklin cemetery, with the local American Legion post in charge of the military rites at the grave.

The young tall gunner was shot down while on his second mission.

He was reported missing by the War Department, but it was three years before his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Keener, formerly of Franklin, Route 4, now of Brevard, definitely learned his fate. Johnny Grogen, of Winston-Salem, the only man on the plane who survived, visited the Keeners in 1947 and told them how, just as he went to give the wounded youth a shot of morphine, he (Grogen) was thrown from the plane by an explosion.

Last summer the War Department notified Mr. and Mrs. Keener that young Keener's original burial place was an isolated grave in the village of Orizari-Hanrijepro, Yugoslavia. The remains later were removed to the U. S. Military cemetery at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, whence they were returned to America at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Keener.

Cpl. Keener's survivors, in addition to his parents, include two brothers, Eugene, of Brevard, and Harold, of Franklin; and five sisters, Mrs. Tommy Hayes, of Newport News, Va., and Mrs. Lawrence Fisher, Mrs. Furman Waldrup, and Misses Pauline and Viola Keener, all of Brevard.

This will be the last game in the local conference for Franklin, but the local eleven will play Sevierville, Tenn., at Sevierville Thanksgiving day.

## Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17  
7 p. m.—Post No. 108, American Legion, at Slagle Memorial building.

7:30 p. m.—Nequassa Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, at Masonic hall.

FRIDAY  
7:30 p. m.—Annual meeting Macon County chapter, American Red Cross, at Memorial building.

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

8 p. m.—Bunco party (Eastern Star benefit) at Kely's Tea room.

MONDAY  
10 a. m.—Board of county commissioners at courthouse.  
7 p. m.—Franklin Troop 1, Boy Scouts, at Memorial building.

TUESDAY  
8 p. m.—American Legion Auxiliary at home of Mrs. Roane Bradley.

WEDNESDAY  
7 p. m.—Franklin Rotary club at Memorial building.  
7:30—Memorial Post No. 7339, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at Agricultural building.

names be found? Do we know? And if these men, and thousands of other American men and boys, had not gone to the four corners of the earth and heroically surrendered their lives, where would America democracy be? And where would we be? Undergoing the torture of some Nazi prison camp? Or under Hitler's heel? Or dead?

Yet, we do not know how many lives of Macon County men it took to keep us from suffering this sort of fate.

We are trying to raise \$1160 to erect bronze tablets which will bear their names as mentioned on Page Eight—

## Reports \$310 In Symphony Memberships

The N. C. Symphony orchestra fund here has passed the \$300-mark.

W. N. Sloan, county chairman, reported this week that memberships taken to date amount to approximately \$310. Of this sum, more than \$100 came from Highlands, he said.

A total of \$750 is required to bring the N. C. Little Symphony here for its annual concert—a matinee free to Macon County school children, and an evening performance for Symphony members.

In announcing the total to date, Mr. Sloan expressed the hope that business firms here will take out, as a number have done in past years, memberships for \$25 or more. Such memberships are deductible from income tax.

He also urged workers to complete their canvasses promptly and make their reports to J. H. Stockton, Symphony treasurer in this county.

## PANTHERS WILL GO TO BRYSON

Swain Eleven Favored To Win In Friday Night's Game

The Franklin Panthers will invade the stronghold of the top team of the Smoky Mountain conference when they meet Bryson City on the Bryson City field tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30.

The Swain county football eleven is heavily favored in this conference contest, due to their record, which shows no defeats in the conference this season.

Franklin, with a two losses at the hands of conference teams—Hayesville and Sylva—will enter the game as a definite underdog.

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## 11 Scouts

From Franklin Promoted At Honor Court

Eleven members of the Franklin Boy Scout Troop No. 1 received promotions at the court of honor for the Smoky Mountain district, held at the Presbyterian church annex last Thursday night.

Bill Enser, of Cherokee, chairman of the court of honor committee, presided, and Ben Edwards, local Boy Scout, served as clerk of the court.

Awards received by the Franklin Scouts were as follows: Tenderfoot badge, Roy Johnston, and Robert Johnston; second class badge, Dick Bradley and Bobby Womack; merit badges, Ben Edwards, Howard Patton, Herbert McKelvey, Ross Zachary and Richard Russell; and star scout, Herbert McKelvey and Jack Kusterer.

Twenty-five scouts were present.

## Next Week's Press Will Be Published On Tuesday Night

Next week's issue of The Press will be published 24 hours earlier than usual.

This change is being made, due to the mail holiday on Thanksgiving day, there will be no mail delivery on the rural routes that day; thus, if The Press were published Wednesday as usual, it would be a day old when it reached rural subscribers Friday.

Next week's paper, therefore, will be published and placed in the post office Tuesday night, so that it will reach Macon County subscribers Wednesday morning.

Advertisers are requested to observe a Monday noon deadline on advertising next week. Persons who have news for the paper also are requested to bring or telephone it early.

The paper will resume its normal schedule with the issue of December 1.

## SKINNER WILL BE RED CROSS MEET SPEAKER

Officers To Be Named At Annual Session Friday Night

Dr. O. C. Skinner, president of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school, Rabun Gap, Ga., will be the guest speaker at tomorrow (Friday) night's annual meeting of the Macon County chapter of the American Red Cross. Dr. Skinner's topic will be "Service".

The meeting is set for 7:30 o'clock at the Slagle Memorial building.

Reports on the year's work will be heard, and officers for the coming year will be elected. Harmon H. Gnuse, Jr., chapter chairman, will preside.

All Red Cross members are invited, Mrs. Alice Rimmer, executive secretary, emphasized.

The meeting is not a dinner session.

## Convocation Holds Meet At Cherokee

The fall meeting of the Episcopal Convocation of Asheville was held Tuesday at Cherokee, with the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, of Franklin, presiding as dean of the convocation.

The morning session was held at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, and the afternoon session in Qualla Hall, at the Cherokee school.

The meeting opened at 9:45 o'clock with the celebration of the Holy Communion, with a business session following.

Mrs. Thomas O. Wright, of Asheville, reported on the triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, and reports on the general convention of the church were made by the Rev. Mark Jenkins, rector of Calvary church, Fletcher, and V. Jordan Brown, of Asheville.

Reports also were heard on the work of the church in the convocation, which covers the western half of the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

William S. Tyndall, of Cherokee, served as secretary and treasurer of the meeting, which was attended by 46 persons.

## Mrs. Lela Poulos, Native Of Macon, Dies In California

Mrs. Joseph Asher has received word of the death of her cousin, Mrs. Lela Poulos, formerly of Macon County, in Los Angeles, Calif., October 18.

Mrs. Poulos, who was the daughter of the late David and Mrs. Edith Henry Carpenter, lived in the Ellijay community until she was a young woman.

She went West 50 years ago, and when she and her sister, Mrs. Z. P. Moses, of Bakersville, Calif., visited here in 1942, it was Mrs. Poulos' first visit home in 42 years.

Funeral services were held at the Church of the Reformation, Los Angeles, October 22, and burial was at Glendale, Calif.

Survivors include two sons, three daughters, four sisters, and one brother, all of whom made their home in California, and many relatives in this county.

## 30 Sets Of Twins To Take Part In Highlands Program Tonight

Thirty sets of twins, ranging in age from two to sixty years, are expected to appear in the "Twin Show" feature of tonight's (Thursday) benefit entertainment program at the Highlands school theatre. All live within the territory served by the Highlands school.

A total of at least 35 sets of twins live within the area, Mrs. Louis Edwards, entertainment and finance chairman of the Highlands Parent-Teacher association, which is sponsoring the program, said, but for varying reasons, five sets will be unable to be present. At least four sets of twins will participate in the baby show, another feature of

## Deer Hunters Out This Week; Report 10 Killed Monday

Hunters this week are combing the Macon County woods for deer.

A county hunt, under state auspices, was held in non-refuge territory Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and today (Thursday) a three-day hunt on the Standing Indian federal-state wildlife management area will get under way.

An estimated 200 to 300 hunters were out early Monday morning. C. Penland, county game warden said, and got 10 deer during the day. Tuesday night he said he had heard of no kills that day. Most of Monday's kills were made in Harrison cove, and on Cartoogechaye and Wayah Creeks, he said.

Mr. Penland reported he spent most of Monday chasing dogs, which someone had unlawfully released in the woods, presumably to start the deer running.

Among those reported to have made kills were Erwin Carpenter, Lester Holland, Frank Leach, and Dan McCall.

## CROP UNIT SET UP FOR MACON

Evans Heads Campaign For Overseas Relief

The Rev. Hoyt Evans, Franklin Presbyterian pastor, was named Macon County chairman for the Christian Rural Overseas Program, at a meeting last Saturday morning at the Agricultural building.

The purpose of CROP is to provide overseas relief by contributions of commodities, which either are shipped to war-stricken countries, or are sold and the money used for overseas relief.

Other officers for CROP in this county were elected as follows:

Doyle Burgess, of Highlands, co-chairman; the Rev. C. E. Murray, co-chairman; E. A. Johnson, secretary-treasurer; and the Rev. C. C. Welch, commodity chairman.

The Rev. D. D. Gross, of Clyde, CROP supervisor of the seven westernmost North Carolina counties, called the meeting to order, and the organization was set up, following the showing of a film, "Operation Mercy".

W. R. Willoughby has arrived here to become operator of the Franklin airport for its new owner, William C. Nichols, of Black Mountain.

Mr. Nichols, owner and operator of the airport at Black Mountain, recently bought the Franklin airport from Grant Zickgraf.

Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby, originally from Ohio, came to Franklin from airport work in Florida. They are making their home in the apartment on the field.

The airport here was built by Mr. Zickgraf, and has been in operation for four or five years.

## Nichols Is New Owner Of Airport

While the housing act provides for lending for a four-year period, the actual appropriation made is for the current year, and amounts to \$27,000,000 for the nation. It is anticipated that the loans will average about \$2,200, which would make possible an average of five loans in each agricultural county in the country.

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PLAN SING  
A special sing will be held at Calvary Baptist church Sunday afternoon, starting at 1:30 o'clock, it has been announced.

A total of 1,082 persons lost their driving privileges during October, the N. C. Department of Motor vehicles has announced.

## FARM HOUSING PROGRAM BEGUN IN THIS COUNTY

U. S. Loans Available To Farmers Unable To Get Credit

The farm housing program, authorized by recent congressional act, is being launched in Macon County, and applications for loans to build or repair farm homes and other farm buildings will be received at the Farmers Home Administration county office in the Agricultural building here, it was announced this week by William E. Hill.

Mr. Hill, whose home is Marshall, is serving as acting FHA county supervisor here, pending appointment of a successor to the late Albert L. Ramsey.

The purpose of the loans is to make it financially possible for farmers to build, improve, alter, repair, or replace dwellings or other buildings essential to farm operation, Mr. Hill pointed out.

Loan will be made, only to farmers who are unable to get credit elsewhere. To qualify, a farmer must be a farm owner, but landlords may use the borrowed funds to provide better housing for tenants. Veterans will have preference.

Borrowers will be given up to 33 years to repay the loans, at an interest rate of four per cent. They will be expected, however, to refinance the indebtedness through cooperative or private sources whenever this is possible. Each loan will be secured by a mortgage on the farm, subject to any existing prior liens, plus such additional security as may be deemed necessary to reasonably protect the government's investment.

Loans, not to exceed \$1,000, may be made for minor repairs to eliminate hazards to families' health and safety, and in cases up to \$500 of this amount may be in the form of grants.

An FFA county committee will pass on the eligibility of applicants, the value of their farms, the type of assistance for which they are qualified, the amount of the loan or grant, and the number of years over which the loan should be repaid.

The three men appointed to that committee are B. W. Justice, of Franklin, Route 4, George Gibson, of Route 3, and D. M. Rogers, of Highlands, Buck Creek route.

Application blanks for loans may be obtained from the Farmers Home Administration office in the Agricultural building.

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## The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	68	26	....
Thursday	70	26	....
Friday	74	28	....
Saturday	74	30	....
Sunday	65	46	.80
Monday	65	29	.15
Tuesday	60	26	....
Wednesday	..	23	....

FRANKLIN RAINFALL  
(As recorded by Mamma Stiles for TVA) Monday, .15; other days, none.