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## Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
10:30 a. m.—Baptist Ministers' conference at First Baptist church.

1:30 p. m.—Circle No. 2, Franklin Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service at home of Mrs. S. W. Fendenhall.

3 p. m.—Circle No. 1, Franklin Methodist W. S. C. S., at home of Mrs. H. W. Cabe.

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

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

**FRIDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

9 a. m.—Home Demonstration benefit bazaar opens at Nantahala Power and Light company office.

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

**MONDAY**

10 a. m.—December term of Macon superior court opens at courthouse.

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

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

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.—Presbyterian Business Girls' circle at home of Mrs. B. L. McGlamery.

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

7:30 p. m.—Baptist Training Union associational meeting at First Baptist church.

**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.

7:30 p. m.—Reserve unit, Signal Tel. and Tel. Operation company, at Agricultural building.

## Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**

Mrs. W. T. Potts, of Highlands, has been visiting friends here during the past week.

We had to "keep straight" at conference. We were quartered with four persisting elders.

Mrs. L. S. Ropes left Monday morning for her home in Murphy, after two weeks spent with her father's family.

**25 YEARS AGO**

Arrangements have been completed by which the stores of Bill Cunningham and J. S. Porter & Co. will consolidate. The new firm will be composed of W. C. Cunningham, Steve Porter, Jess Conley, and Mark Dowdle.

Mr. J. C. Gibson and Robert T. Bryson have purchased the Raby farm, adjoining the farm of Mr. Bryson.

General Manager Elmer Johnson of the Farmers Federation states that hereafter the Federation will sell at exactly 10 per cent profit.

**10 YEARS AGO**

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, supervisor, has announced that the WPA sewing room will be reopened on December 1, and will employ 25 women.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Higdon, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bryson, Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, and Miss Lassie Kelly attended the American Legion banquet at Waynesville last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter have moved from the Pendergrass apartment on West Main street to their new five-room bungalow on White Oak street.

## Macon War Dead Total 74; Public Is Asked To Check List Of Names For Plaque

Seventy-four Macon County men gave their lives for their country in World War 2, a list compiled by the Macon County Memorial association reveals.

The names are to be inscribed on a proposed plaque to be placed at the entrance to the courthouse, and Gilmer A. Jones, chairman, in making public the list, as compiled, appealed to the public to check the list to make sure it is complete and correct.

"We have done our best to get a complete list," Mr. Jones pointed out, but added that names may have been omitted, misspelled, or the middle initial

omitted. In such cases, he asked that friends or relatives promptly supply the correct information by mail.

"We propose to order the plaques in the immediate future," he said, "and, of course, are anxious for the list that appears on the plaques to be correct and complete. Please write your information to Macon County Memorial Association, and please remember that it is up to all of us to see to it that this list is complete and correct BEFORE THE PLAQUES ARE MADE."

The list, as it now stands, Continued On Page Eight—

## PANTHERS LOSE TO SEVIERVILLE

Locals Defeated 19 - 13 In Their First Bowl Game

After jumping into an early lead in their first bowl game, the Franklin High school Panthers were defeated by a score of 19 to 13 by the Sevierville High school eleven in the "Little Smoky Mountain Bowl" game, played at Sevierville, Tenn., Thanksgiving afternoon.

Franklin's first touchdown came on a line smash by Charles Shields from the five-yard line after the ball had been placed in scoring position on a series of running plays, with Bill Huggins and Shields gaining most of the ground.

Following Franklin's first score, the Tennessee boys came back strong to counter twice before Franklin scored again, he tally being 13 to 6 at the half. Sevierville's first touchdown was made on an end run from the 20-yard line, while the second marker came on a pass play.

After impressive half-time ceremonies, both teams came back strong in the second half, each scoring one touch down.

The Panthers opened a strong aerial attack with passes from John Archer III to Pattillo and Jack Norton, gaining lots of ground and being a constant threat to the boys from the other side of the Smokies.

A pass-lateral play from Archer to back Norton to Bobby Potts brought Franklin its final touchdown. Shields bucked the line for the extra point. The play was good for 40 yards total distance.

Sevierville, with a strong running attack, scored on a line play to gain the winning touchdown.

Huggins was Franklin's outstanding back, with Charles Thomas and Burton Leach starring in the line.

Following the game, the captain of the Sevierville eleven was presented with the bowl trophy—a large silver loving cup, and members of the Franklin High school eleven were given miniature silver footballs.

The Franklin eleven were the guests of the Sevierville Lions club at a dinner following the game.

## 'Possum Hitches Ride To Franklin On Bed Of Truck

Franklin had a surprise visitor yesterday morning. And the visitor gave every indication of being quite as surprised at being here as the passerby who was astonished to see him on Main street.

Scowling at those who approached, he was quite wide awake—in contrast to his kind in similar circumstances. For he was an opossum.

He was observed sitting on the bed of a truck parked downtown about 9 a. m. Wednesday. Apparently he had spent the night on the truck, and was still there when the unobservant driver of the vehicle came to town early Wednesday. Presumably the animal was afraid to jump while the truck was moving, and seemed even more terrified by the strange sights and sounds of Main street. He never moved—except to bare his teeth if someone came too close.

The identity of the truck driver was not learned.

## Reports Band Drive Total Is Now \$1,049

The amount raised in the Franklin school band fund drive through Monday totaled \$1049.56, according to a report by Frank B. Duncan, Lion club president.

Mr. Duncan said the total has come in small donations, rather than a few large ones, and that he has received several contributions from people who own summer homes here but reside in other states.

The Lions club also has decided to sponsor the dime board again this year, the funds to be used for welfare work in Macon County.

The board will be set up and operated on Main street each Saturday between now and Christmas.

## Leake Recovering From Accidental Gunshot Wound

Charles Leake, state game protector in charge of the Standing Indian wildlife management area, is recovering at his home from a gunshot wound suffered when he fell in a thicket and his .45 six-shooter was discharged.

He was shot just below the right hip, the bullet coming out below the knee.

The accident occurred last Tuesday, when he was alone, a mile from his home, at White Oak Bottoms. Unable to summon help, he used his belt to make a tourniquet, and limped home. Later he was brought to Angel hospital for treatment, but is now at home, able to walk on crutches.

## Plan County-Wide B. T. U. Meeting Here Monday Night

Baptist Training Union members and others interested will hold an associational "M-night" meeting at the First Baptist church here Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock to plan the year's work. It has been announced by Everett R. White, associational director.

The Rev. H. T. Daniel, pastor of the First Baptist church at Hendersonville, will be the chief speaker.

The Macon County council of Home Demonstration clubs will hold a benefit bazaar at the Nantahala Power and Light company office Saturday from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

## Equip Forest Towers With Shortwave Radio

The Forest Service is installing shortwave radios on all three of the forest fire towers in this section of the Nantahala National Forest, it was announced this week by John Wasilik, Jr., Wayah district ranger.

The radio system, Mr. Wasilik explained, will make it possible for the lookouts at the fire towers at Cowee and Pinnacle, in this county, and Yellow Mountain, in Jackson, to transmit their messages to each other, or to the ranger's headquarters, in two minutes.

By installing the radio network, the Forest Service is eliminating 10 miles of telephone lines. The maintenance of the telephone lines—replacing poles, wire, insulators, etc.—has proved expensive, and the radio network will mean a sav-

## 9 DEER KILLED: PLAN HOG, COON, OPOSSUM HUNTS

2 More Open Periods On Bucks; Animals Reported Healthy

Nine deer were reported killed last week, in the second of three hunts on the Standing Indian wildlife management area. The third three-day hunt will get under way tomorrow (Thursday).

Meanwhile, three other hunts are planned in this area—another deer hunt, a wild boar hunt, and a raccoon and opossum hunt.

The additional deer hunt, fifth this season, will be conducted under state management on non-refuge territory Monday and Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week.

The Fires Creek management area in the Nantahala Forest will be the scene of the hunt for semi-wild hogs, and the dates are today (Thursday), tomorrow, and Saturday. This will be the second of two hunts, the first having been held in the same area the first three days of this week. The daily bag limits are one per hunter, and the permit fee is \$1. The hogs are said to be descendants of domestic swine grazed in the Fires Creek area.

Hunting for raccoons and opossums will be permitted on the Santeetlah, Fires Creek, and Standing Indian wildlife management areas. The dates are December 5-16. Special permits for these hunts cost \$1 per hunter, with no limit on the size of the hunting parties. Bag limits on raccoons are one per hunter per day; there is no bag limit on opossums.

Meanwhile, Nantahala National Forest officials said that all the deer killed on the forest this season have been in excellent condition and apparently healthy. There have been no reports on the Nantahala of the disease, resembling black tongue in cattle, that has played havoc with herds in Alabama and Eastern North Carolina.

Deer killed here, it was said, have been, on the whole, exceptionally large, officials pointing out that there is plenty of browse for the animals.

## Miss Johnson Resigns Baptist Post; Is To Be Married

Miss Gretchen Johnson, Macon County Baptist association missionary worker, tendered her resignation Sunday, to become effective immediately, it was announced this week by the Rev. Paul C. Nix, chairman of the association's executive committee.

Miss Johnson is to be married, Mr. Nix explained, to the Rev. John C. Corbett, of Anna, Ill.

Mr. Corbett, who is pastor of the Lue'lla Baptist church at Sherman, Texas, is now enrolled in the Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, working toward his bachelor of divinity degree.

After the wedding, he and his bride will finish their schooling together, and plan later to serve as missionaries.

The wedding is to take place in the near future, but the date has not been announced.

Miss Johnson, during her service here since last May, has worked with the 41 Baptist churches in the county.

## Forest Recreation Areas Here Drew 75,000 In '49

An estimated 75,000 persons visited Forest Service recreation areas in this region during the past spring and summer.

The Forest Service maintains eight such spots within the Wayah Ranger district of the Nantahala National Forest, the most popular of which is Dry Falls, just off the Franklin-Highlands road. Next in popularity is Arrowwood Glade, situated west of Franklin, at the foot of Wayah Bald.

The others are Wayah Bald, Wayah Crest, Bridal Veil Falls, Cliffside Lake, Van Hook Lake, and Ammons Camp Ground.

The 1949 crowds at these eight recreation areas were at least 10 per cent greater than the year before, according to John Wasilik, Jr., ranger of the Wayah district. His estimates for the eight areas:

Dry Falls, 40,000; Arrowwood,

25,000; Cliffside, 5,000; Wayah Bald 2,000; Van Hook, 2,000 and Wayah Crest, 1,000. No estimate is available for Bridal Veil Falls, and a relatively small number visited Ammons Camp Ground.

These recreation areas are maintained by the Forest Service as a part of the "use" phase of its forest work. Pointing out, however, that most of the facilities were built in the CCC days, and that the Forest Service has comparatively little money for their maintenance, foresters appealed to the public to help keep these recreation areas clean and sanitary—for use not only by the thousands of visitors who come to the mountains during the summer season, but by the local people as well.

At Arrowwood Glade there are facilities for swimming, picnicking. —Continued on Page Five

## Plan Wildlife Club For County; State Officials Coming

A meeting to organize a wildlife club in Macon County has been called for Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the Agricultural building here.

Ross Stevens, of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, and G. A. Jones, Jr., chief of the law enforcement division of North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, formerly of Franklin, will attend the meeting.

All Macon County sportsmen and other interested persons are invited to be present, the announcement said.

## Scores Come Home From School For Thanksgiving

Two score or more young men and women of this county who are away at school spent the Thanksgiving holidays at home with their families.

The largest group here for the holidays was made up of seven from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: Miss Frances Furr, T. W. Angel, III, Robert (Bob) Myers, Hall Callahan, Fred West, Dean Henson, and James Furr.

Home for the holidays from N. C. State college, Raleigh, were Kenneth Welch, Lewis Penland, James Patterson, Hayes Gregory, Tom Seiser, and Bob Tippet.

Other students who spent the holidays here included:

Misses Nancy Callahan and Helen Wilson, from Mars Hill college, Mars Hill.

Lyman Gregory and Howard Horsley, Wake Forest college, Wake Forest.

Louis Welch, Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Misses Annie Sue Conley and Mary Alice Archer, Meredith college, Raleigh.

Miss Margaret Setser and Mack Setser, University of Georgia, Athens.

Misses Doris Phillips and Maxine Renshaw and Grady Greene, Brevard college, Brevard.

Misses Iris Cabe, and Ruth Angel, and Harley Moore Stewart and Larry Cabe, Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee.

Misses Elizabeth Ann Phillips and Ann Cabe, Peace college, Raleigh.

Mrs. Betty Callahan Martin and Misses Catherine Furr and —Continued On Page Eight—

## DRUNK DRIVING CHIEF OFFENSE IN THIS COUNTY

25 Face Charge At Court Term That Will Open Here Monday

The most common criminal charge in this county is operating a motor vehicle intoxicated, the docket for the December term of superior court, which will open here Monday morning, reveals.

Twenty-two new cases will face the Macon County grand jury at this court term, and 58 cases have been continued from previous courts, making a total of 80 to be disposed of, according to J. Clinton Brookshire, clerk of the court. And of these 80 cases, 25, or nearly one-third, are on charges of driving drunk.

The next most common charge is violation of the prohibition law. Thirteen such cases await trial. In a number of other cases, carrying concealed weapons and abandonment and non-support, are the charges.

In the one manslaughter case on the docket, John Wiley Lenoir faces trial in connection with the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bateman, seven miles south of Franklin on September 24. The child, Tony Stephen Bateman, and his mother were thrown from their automobile, investigating officers said, when it was struck by the Lenoir car as the Bateman car turned into a driveway.

Judge Dan K. Moore, of Seva, who held the August term here, will return to Macon County to preside over this court. Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., will prosecute the criminal cases.

Fifteen divorce suits and 11 other civil cases also come up at this court term.

Civil cases, other than divorces, follow, with the attorneys listed in parentheses, the attorneys for the plaintiffs being listed first in each case:

Frank R. Leach vs. R. A. Patton, which involves a real estate commission (Jones and Jones; G. L. Houk and J. H. Stockton); A. A. Siler, J. M. Gray, R. S. Jones, and Gilmer A. Jones vs. H. M. Luck, a trespass case (G. L. Houk for plaintiff; no attorneys listed for defendant); Nantahala Power and Light company vs. L. M. Wishon and wife, a condemnation proceeding (G. L. Houk; Jones and Jones); Fred Burnette and wife vs. Miami Lee Carver and S. W. Carter, a cartway hearing (Jones and Jones; J. H. Stockton and T. D. Bryson, Jr.); Winton DeHart vs. R. M. McGaha, involving a property line (Black and Whitaker; Jones and Jones); Mrs. Mary S. Higdon vs. Mrs. Harry M. Straine et al, involving dowry rights (Panle and Garrison; J. H. Stockton); Mildred Stockton vs. Eliza Cobb Grist, involving a real estate commission (G. L. Houk and T. D. Bryson, Jr.); Jones and Ward; Mica Development corporation vs. T. M. Strider and company (J. H. Stockton; J. Burke Gray and Hobart L. McKeener); Benow Dills and wife vs. Jesse H. Sanders and wife, a land suit (Jones and Jones; J. H. Stockton); R. F. Bowron and wife vs. Silas G. Stannard and wife (J. H. Stockton and T. D. Bryson, Jr.; G. L. Houk); David Watson and wife vs. Egbert Beale and Joseph Farrish, trustees (G. L. Houk and Harold Major; Jones and Jones).

Such a state representative, it is understood, will be assigned if and when the funds are available, and will, upon request, survey and map a farm, and offer recommendations on the best soil conservation practices for that particular farm unit.

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## Archaeological Society To Hold Meet At Cherokee

The Archaeological Society of North Carolina, meeting west of Asheville for the first time in its history, will hold its fall session at Cherokee Saturday and Sunday.

The meeting will coincide with the Cherokee Indian Feast, to which members of the society are invited as guests.

The society, which has about 125 members, is interested in excavating some of the Indian mounds in this region. It is headed by H. M. Doerschuk, of Bladen county, and H. C. Wilburn, of Waynesville, is making arrangements for the Cherokee meeting.

Two sessions are planned Saturday, and one or more Sunday.

## FILM SHOWING POSTPONED

Showing of the film, "Operation Mercy", at the Otto school has been postponed from next Tuesday to Wednesday night at 7:45 o'clock.

## The Weather

FRANKLIN RAINFALL (As recorded by Mearns Stiles for TVA)

Wednesday, none; Thursday, none; Friday, .80 of an inch; Saturday, none; Sunday, none; Monday, none; Tuesday, .25; Wednesday, .17.