

### Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15.**  
3:45 p. m.—First Baptist Sun-  
day school, Girls' Auxiliary, and  
Pew Ambassadors at the  
church.  
7 p. m.—Post No. 108, Amer-  
ican 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**  
8 p. m.—Square dance (Amer-  
ican Legion benefit) at Memori-  
al building.

**SUNDAY**  
8 p. m.—Christmas cantata by  
choir of four Franklin churches  
at Methodist church.

**MONDAY**  
10 a. m.—Board of county  
commissioners at courthouse.  
10 a. m.—County board of edu-  
cation at courthouse.  
7 p. m.—Franklin Troop No.  
1, Boy Scouts, at Memorial  
building.  
7:30 p. m.—Franklin Parent-  
Teacher association at school.  
7:30 p. m.—Macon County His-  
torical Society at Bank of  
Franklin building.

**TUESDAY**  
7:30 p. m.—Bingo (V. F. W.)  
benefit at old Legion hall.  
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.—Annual Christmas  
program at Franklin Presbyter-  
ian church.  
7:30 p. m.—Signal Tel. and  
Tel. Operation Company No.  
3547 at Agricultural building.

**Slagle PTA To Meet  
Wednesday Afternoon**

The Parent-Teacher associa-  
tion of Slagle school will meet  
Wednesday of next week at 2  
p. m. at the school, it has been  
announced.

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

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
The Dillsboro mail failed to  
arrive yesterday morning owing  
to high waters.

John O. Harrison is spending  
a few days at home with his  
family. He's the big drummer,  
you know.

Rev. J. R. Pendergrass is  
gathering in material to make  
some improvements on his  
houses recently purchased on  
the Bell corner.

Another prisoner escaped from  
the jail Wednesday night. He  
is said to have gone out  
through the same hole in the  
wall that one escaped through  
a few nights before.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
Senator Henry G. Robertson  
and Representative A. W. Horn  
returned from Asheville last  
week, where they attended a  
meeting of senators and repre-  
sentatives from the 25 counties  
of Western North Carolina.

Miss Pearl Moore and Mr.  
Harley Stewart, both of Ellijay,  
were married in Franklin last  
Tuesday by Magistrate George  
Carpenter.

"Judge" Hines, of Highlands,  
was in Franklin Monday for  
medical attention. He had a  
rib broken in a truck accident  
about two weeks.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Siler Slagle, Willard Pender-  
grass, H. E. Church, Jr., and  
Mack Setser, students at N. C.  
State college at Raleigh, have  
arrived to spend the holidays  
with their respective parents.

William Blaine, a student at  
Mars Hill college, spent the  
week-end with his parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. C. T. Blaine.

The Christmas lighting on  
Main street gives Franklin a  
gay and festive air.

### Observes 99th Birthday



MRS. MARTHA JANE BRYSON

Still remarkably active in mind and body, Mrs. Bryson yesterday celebrated her 99th birthday at her home in the Cullasaja community. Though she feebly radiates sweetness and serenity, there's a lot of character beneath the sweetness, as a look at the face quickly reveals.

### At 99, 'Aunt Jane' Bryson Laughs, Talks, Has Ideas

Still young enough to shake with laughter at a joke, and to be interested in all about her, a sweet old lady yesterday celebrated her 99th birthday.

She is Mrs. Martha Jane (Aunt Jane) Bryson, and she observed the anniversary in the home in which she has lived for three quarters of a century—every since her husband, the late John T. Bryson, brought her there, a year after they were married.

Mrs. Bryson has moved, in fact, only once in her nearly a century of life, she recalled in an interview. That was from her father's home, in the Rabbit Creek section, to the neat, white frame house on Bryson Branch, in the Cullasaja community, where she has lived ever since she and her husband moved there, when they had finished building the first two rooms.

Both her mind and body belie Mrs. Bryson's 99 years. She has been totally blind for about 10 years, but her hearing appears to be perfect, and she is able to get out of bed, and dresses and undresses herself with only a little assistance. She walks with someone to lean on.

Almost certainly Macon County's oldest citizen, Mrs. Bryson planned to observe her 99th anniversary with a quiet family dinner.

Though she complains that her memory is not as good as it once was, her mind is clear—as is revealed by the decisiveness with which she speaks.

Wearing a lavender dress, almost covered by a fresh apron, she was seated before an open fire in her living room—what a lot of living that room has seen!—when a reporter and a photographer called.

Somewhat sparing with her words, she says what she means, and means what she says.

"I don't think the world is as good as it used to be," she said without hesitation, in reply to a question. And she was as prompt in giving her reasons: "Too many are wanting a dollar. People don't care for one another like they used to."

But while she left no question about how she felt on that subject, it was obvious that she sees the bright side, too. She frequently smiled, and once or twice she laughed outright, as she talked.

Since she has been unable to read, she has enjoyed the radio, which she "listens to a right smart". And she continues her life-long interest in the work of her church, Salem Methodist. She is an honorary mem-

**PLAN YULETIDE PROGRAM**  
The annual Christmas program at the Franklin Presbyterian church will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

ber of the church's missionary society, and frequently insists that the group meet at her home.

She does not know how to account for her longevity, except that "I worked hard all my life, until I got so I couldn't".

Asked if work isn't the salvation for most people, she replied with emphasis: "It was for me."

She has always been a meat eater, and relatives say she still doesn't want to go a day without some kind of meat. Except for vegetables, which sometimes disagree with her, she eats almost anything she wants.

A girl of 10 at the time, she clearly recalls the outbreak of the Civil War, and remembers her brothers' leaving home to go to the army. And she recalls, of course, that two of them never came home again.

She remembers attending school at Holly Springs, and recalls that one of her teachers was Fitzhugh Ammons.

And she recalls that "old Dr. Lyle" (father of the late Dr. S. H. Lyle) usually attended her when her babies were born.

She is impressed with the changes that have occurred in a century, but does not approve of all of them, as indicated by her remark that the world isn't as good a place today as it was when she was young.

The daughter of Billy Deal and Mrs. Martha Jennings Deal, she married Mr. Bryson when she was 23, and they reared nine children, eight sons and one daughter. All are still living except the daughter, Mrs. Annie Vanhook. Mrs. Vanhook, who made her home at Prentiss, died about two years ago. Mrs. Bryson's husband died 14 years ago, at the age of 85.

Her eldest son, Will Bryson, of Cullasaja, now is 74. The other seven are Charlie, Sam and Elbert Bryson, all of Cullasaja. George E., of Sedro Woolley, Wash., Joe, of Terrebonne, Ore., Burton, of Whittier, and Newton Bryson, of Raleigh.

She has 58 grandchildren, 70-odd great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bryson and her unmarried son, Elbert, live in the old home, but daughters-in-law, nieces, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters are always dropping to look after her, and yesterday members of the family were invited by Mrs. Bryson to her birthday dinner, at noon.

It will be presented by members of the church and the junior choir. At the conclusion of the program, the joy gift offering will be taken.

### THOMPSON PUT ON PROBATION IN LIQUOR CASE

#### 'Swafford' Custody Case Draws Crowds; Four Divorces Granted

George Thompson, 24-year old Franklin taxi driver, who last Tuesday was sentenced to eight months on the roads for violation of the prohibition laws, Thursday was placed on probation by Judge Dan K. Moore, residing over the December term of Macon superior court.

The sentence was changed by Judge Moore. It was explained in the judgment entered on the court records, since it appeared to the court "that the character of said defendant and the circumstances of the case indicate probation probably will result in the reformation of the defendant."

Thompson, who had entered a plea of guilty, took the stand and admitted bootlegging over a considerable period.

Under the revised sentence, he was fined \$200, ordered to pay the costs amounting to \$52.55, and placed on probation for five years.

The long list of conditions under which he was put on probation included the requirement that he not operate a taxi for three years.

Prior to its adjournment Friday afternoon, the court disposed of a number of civil cases, the one creating most public interest having been that in which Helen E. Swafford was suing Harold E. Swafford for alimony, and he was suing for the custody of their four children. The courtroom was crowded for this trial.

Under the judgment of the court, no alimony was granted, and the custody of the children is divided. During school, Mrs. Swafford is to have the children from Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon, and Mr. Swafford over the week-end. In the summer vacation period, Mr. Swafford is to have them except for week-ends. Mr. Swafford is to pay \$30 twice monthly for their support.

Four divorces were granted: Ethel P. Martin from Dan N. Martin; William Wright from Jewel Watkins Wright; M. S. Burnette from Callie Burnette; and David C. Beal from June Ellis Beal.

### Surgeons' College Recognition Given To Angel Hospital

Angel hospital has been provisionally approved by the American College of Surgeons. Notification to that effect was received here Monday by Dr. Edgar Angel from the Chicago headquarters of the organization.

The action followed an inspection of the hospital by Dr. Dorothy Martels last August. At that time, only a few minor details were lacking for full approval, Dr. Angel said. These have now been taken care of, he added, and full approval is expected in the near future.

Approval by the American College of Surgeons is considered one of the highest recognitions a hospital can receive.

### Scores Of Youth Coming For Holidays

Scores of young men and women who are away at school will return to their homes in Macon County this week and next for the Christmas holidays.

Most of the group at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, are expected here tomorrow (Friday), among them Bob Myers, Hall Callahan, Dean Henson, James Furr, Miss Barbara Stockton, Fred West, and T. W. Angel, III.

Students at N. C. State college, Raleigh, expected to arrive home today for the holidays, are James Patterson, Hayes Gregory, Kenneth Welch, Lewis Penland, and Bob Tippett.

Misses Maxine Renshaw and Doris Phillips and Grady Greene and George McCloud are expected to arrive Saturday from Brevard college, Brevard.

Due home from Woman's college, Greensboro, Wednesday of next week are Misses Lucille

### Choirs Of 4 Churches Will Present Handel's 'Messiah' Sunday Night

A choir of more than 30 voices, made up of vocalists from the four Franklin churches, will present the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" at the Franklin Methodist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

The cantata is under the direction of S. F. (Sammy) Beck, high school band director. Mrs. Henry W. Cabe is the organist. The annual program of Christmas music has become a popular event in Franklin, and this year's cantata is expected to draw a capacity audience as usual. The choir has been practicing for weeks.

The program will open with the Processional, "O Come Emmanuel", by the choir, followed by a solo by Richard Slean, "Com'ort Ye My People".

The choir will sing "And The Glory of The Lord", after which Mrs. Clarence Henry will sing two numbers, "Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind Be Opened" and "He Shall Feed His Flock".

After two more choir numbers, "Thou That Tellest Good Tidings" and "For Unto Us A Child is Born", Mrs. Cabe will play "Pastoral Symphony" as an organ solo.

Next Miss Esther Wallia will sing a group of four songs, "There Were Shepherds Abid-

ing in the Field", "And Lo the Angel of the Lord Came Upon Them", "And the Angel Said Unto Them", and "And Suddenly There Was With the Angels".

The next number, "Glory to God", will be sung by the choir, followed by two vocal solos: "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion", by Mrs. Gilmer Crawford; and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth", by J. C. Hawkins.

The program will close with "Hallelujah", by the choir, followed by the benediction.

The members of the choir are: Sopranos: Mrs. Clarence Henry, Mrs. Hyldeh Shepherd, Mrs. B. M. Philbrick, Mrs. E. C. Harmon, Mrs. Gilmer Crawford, Mrs. Roy F. Cunningham, Mrs. Ida Grant, Mrs. Betty Alexander, Mrs. H. O. Champion and Misses Esther Wallace, Harriet Murray, Carolyn Nothstein, Patty Lou Phillips, Martha Ann Stockton, Betty Lou Constance, and Joanne Willhide.

Altos: Mrs. Neal Johnston, Mrs. Harold T. Sloan, Mrs. Hoyt Evans and Misses Frances Barr, Libby Murray, Mary Ann Killian, Caroline Crawford, Edith Plemons, and Julia Hunnicutt.

Tenors: Phil McCollum, Richard Sloan, and J. C. Hawkins. Basses: H. L. Childers, Hoyt Evans, and S. W. Mendenhall.

### Ammons, Slagle, Sutton Elected As Supervisors

Owen Ammons, Siler Slagle, and Charlie Sutton were elected supervisors of the Macon County Soil Conservation district, it was announced at the close of the election, held Monday through Saturday of last week. The balloting was reported as light.

Mr. Ammons, with the highest vote, will serve for a three-year term; Mr. Slagle, with the second high vote, two years; and Mr. Sutton, third high, one year.

It will be the duty of the supervisors, serving as the governing body of the district, to develop annual county soil conservation goals, it was explained, and to request assistance from agencies whose functions would enable them to contribute to the conservation of this county's soil and water.

### Will Award Prize Monday For Best Historical Paper

A prize, offered for the best historical paper by a Macon County school boy or girl, will be presented at a meeting of the Macon County Historical Society Monday evening.

At the same meeting, officers of the society for the coming year will be elected. The meeting is set for 7:30 o'clock in Room 29, Bank of Franklin building. The general public is invited.

Burrell Motor company took its employes to Florida for a deep sea fishing trip last week-end. Traveling by automobile, the party of 23 left here Friday for Panama City, and returned late Sunday. The firm took its employes on a similar trip last year.

### CHARGE 5 WITH HOUSEBREAKING

The arrest of five young men in Highlands last week has broken up a series of housebreakings that have extended over a period of about six weeks, according to T. W. (Tom) Phillips, Highlands chief of police.

The homes of three summer residents were broken into, one of them four times, Mr. Phillips said, and a quantity of whiskey and other items taken.

Those arrested are John Henry, 26, said to have a police record; his brother, Charlie Henry, 17; a cousin, June Henry, 23; Hoyt Ramey, 20, and a 15-year old boy, whose name, since he is a juvenile, was not made public.

They were given a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. M. Moore and were bound over to superior court. All furnished bonds set, except John Henry, who was lodged in the Macon County jail here.

About four cases of whiskey were taken from the home of John Russell, and officers got their tip on the case, Mr. Phillips said, when they learned John Henry was selling expensive whiskey for half price. Houses also entered were those of F. W. Barton, where a small quantity of whiskey, a pair of riding boots, and canned food were taken; and of C. W. Piddock, the only thing reported missing there having been a deck of playing cards.

The case was worked up by Mr. Phillips and P. R. Kitchens, of Waynesville, member of the state bureau of investigation.

Bonds were set by Mr. Moore at \$1,000 for John Henry, Charlie Henry, and Hoyt Ramey, and at \$500 each for the other two.

The five were arrested at their homes Wednesday of last week.

### THIS TOWNSHIP IS SPLIT INTO TWO PRECINCTS

#### New Vote Registration For Entire County Is Ordered

The Macon County board of elections has divided Franklin township into two voting precincts, it was announced this week by J. J. Mann, chairman of the board.

The division will become effective for the primary election next spring.

Meanwhile, a new registration for the entire county will be held prior to the primary. The board ordered the new registration, Mr. Mann said, "for the best interest of the public and in compliance with state law". An act of the 1949 general assembly requires each county either to hold a new registration or revise the old registration books.

The line dividing the township into two precincts runs east and west along the center of the Dillsboro road, Palmer street, and the Murphy road.

All that section of the township lying north of this line will be known as Franklin Precinct No. 1, and all that lying south of the line as Precinct No. 2.

The voting place for Precinct No. 1 will be the courthouse, the present polling place for the entire township. Voters in precinct No. 2 will go to the Franklin High school building to cast their ballots.

Franklin township, roughly rectangular in shape, extends from the old Lyle (now the Hunnicutt) place on the Dillsboro road, where it touches Millshoal township, to the old Lenoir home, on the Murphy road, where it connects with Cartoogechaye. North and south, it extends from Burningtown township, at Foutstown, to the top of the hill at the old Morrison church, the boundary of Smithbridge township.

Board of election officials estimate that roughly half of the estimated 6,000 voters in the county live in Franklin township. With only one polling place, people often had to stand in line to vote, and the task of counting this heavy township vote was burdensome to election officials, sometimes extending through the night and well into the next day.

With the division of this township, Macon County will have 13 voting precincts, one each in Millshoal, Ellijay, Sugarfork, Highlands, Flats, Smithbridge, Cartoogechaye, Burningtown, and Cowee townships, and two each in Nantahala and Franklin townships.

In announcing plans for the new county-wide registration of voters, election officials pointed out that many persons whose names are on the registration books have died or moved away since the last registration, held eight years ago; meanwhile, many new voters have moved into the county. As it is now, Mr. Mann said, nobody knows just how many voters there are in any township, or the county as a whole.

The dates for the registration period will be announced later.

During that period, Mr. Mann emphasized, it will be necessary for all voters to register; otherwise, they will not be eligible to vote in the primary or general election.

### PLAN COWEE PROGRAM

The young people of the Cowee Baptist church will present a play, "The Lost Star", Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

### 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	60	34	38
Thursday	52	24	.....
Friday	45	22	.....
Saturday	43	31	10
Sunday	60	41	52
Monday	61	53	105
Tuesday	60	54	20
Wednesday	.....	42	23

**FRANKLIN RAINFALL**  
(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA)  
Wednesday, .10 of an inch;  
Thursday, none; Friday, none;  
Saturday, .40; Sunday, .16;  
Monday, .19; Tuesday, .30; Wednesday, .13. Total, 1.37.