

UNITED NATIONS DAY PROGRAMS PLANNED HERE

Church, School, Civic Organizations Join Hands For Event

A movement for a community-wide United Nations Day observance here was launched this week.

Representatives from various church, school, and civic organizations met Tuesday night in the directors' room at the Bank of Franklin, to map plans for the celebration, scheduled for October 24.

Mayor Henry W. Cabe presided at the meeting and committees were named to organize and promote the celebration, which is part of a nationwide affair proclaimed by the President of the United States.

The group voted to hold the celebration in the afternoon, and the Franklin stadium was tentatively selected as the place for the program.

Those named on the program committee are the Rev. Hoyt Evans, Mrs. A. A. Siler, the Rev. C. E. Murray, Sammy Beck, Miss Roberta Enloe, and Mrs. Reby S. Tessier.

Publicity committee members are Mrs. R. S. Jones, W. N. Sloan, and J. P. Brady.

The detailed program will be announced later.

Old Glory Now Waves From New Flag Pole

Old Glory is showing her colors from a new 56-foot flag pole in front of the post office building.

The new pole, which was put up last Thursday, replaces the old color yardarm on top of the building.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The town marshal has had two arrests to make this week on account of too much tangle-foot.

Hon. H. G. Ewart delivered an address yesterday to a small sized audience in the court house. About half the people in town remained on the outside. While his speech was fair and free from the bitterness and slush usually indulged in by Republican speakers, it had but little influence anyway. The people are growing weary of so much political speaking and do not care to hear it.

Mr. J. C. Wright took a little trip around a portion of the world the latter part of the week, visiting Sapphire, Brevard and Waynesville. He returned home Saturday.

25 YEARS AGO

The Electrical Constructors company, who began work on Franklin's municipal power dam on April 13th, closed the last outlet in the dam Thursday and thus Lake Emory, covering 225 acres, will become a reality in only a few days.

Mr. W. G. Barker of Lakey creek settlement was in town last Monday assisting Mr. Jess Lakey in taking care of a large owl that had been captured. The owl was left in The Press office for a while, but its fighting proclivities drove the editor out until the bird was taken away.

Prof. Bramlett is to be congratulated on his efforts to establish discipline at the Franklin school.

10 YEARS AGO

Funeral services for Bard Moses Angel, 91, life-long resident of Macon county, were held on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Sugarfork Baptist church.

About 4 o'clock last Saturday morning a store and all the contents belonging to Abe Ledford was destroyed by fire.

Dr. A. P. Hassell, of Kobe, Japan, missionary to Japan since 1909, spoke to an attentive and interested audience at the local Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening.

16 Of 26

Given Preinduction Tests Pass

The local draft board has announced that 16 of the 26 men who went to Charlotte October 5 for preinduction examinations passed the prescribed tests.

The group was the second one called from this county. The first group of 30 men was sent to Charlotte September 7.

As yet, W. N. Sloan, chairman of the board, said on call for induction has been received, but one is expected soon.

FRANKLIN HIGH TO PLAY SYLVA FRIDAY NIGHT

Cheer Leaders, Band Will Accompany Panthers

The Franklin High Panthers, nine comely cheerleaders, and the entire Franklin school band, are scheduled to invade Jackson county tomorrow (Friday) night, where the Panthers will meet a strong Sylva eleven on the gridiron at 8 o'clock.

The aggregation is making the trip over the Cowees in an effort to keep the Panthers in the ranks of the undefeated in the Smoky Mountain conference, and all three units of the Franklin school have been putting in overtime practicing for the coming event.

The Panthers, who had a breather last week with no game scheduled, have been hard at practice all week and should be in the pink of condition for the game. John (Bardy) Archer, Franklin's snappy backfield general who missed the Hayesville game two weeks ago because of a chipped bone in his thumb, worked out this week and should be in the starting lineup tomorrow night.

Reports indicate that Sylva may have a "surprise" in store for the Panthers. Three Sylva footballers, Charles Cunningham, Verlin Enloe, and Harold Elders, were placed on the ineligible roster at the beginning of the season, but have now been panned in on the eligible list again.

The possibility of a surprise is realized in the Panther lineup and most of the boys are working hard at it so the "surprise" won't be surprising should it come.

Thus far, the Panthers have played three conference games, winning against Andrews and Cherokee, and tying, 7-7, with Hayesville.

Sylva has four games under its belt, two of them wins, and a like number of losses. Mingled in with the slapping of leather on the practice field all week have been the voices of Franklin high cheerleaders, splintering the air with old and new yells that should keep the Panthers hustling during the game. The young ladies have plenty of peppy yells in store for attending football fans.

And the Franklin high band has been shouldering the grindstone in the line of marching music and precision drilling. Under the able baton of Sammy Beck, the band, in their new uniforms, will entertain at half time.

Fire

Destroys Claude Crisp Home At Gneiss

The home of Claude Crisp at Gneiss burned to the ground Thursday afternoon after efforts made by Mrs. Crisp to extinguish the blaze proved futile.

Mrs. Crisp and her baby were the only ones at home when the fire started, it has been learned, and she tried to put out the blaze by carrying water from a near by spring.

It is believed that sparks from a cook stove landed on the roof and set the wooden shingles on fire.

Mr. Crisp, a farmer and logger, said he bought the house two years ago but that it, and the furniture in the house, has not quite been paid for. Most of the family's clothes were burned also.

The family is temporarily living with Mr. Crisp's sister, Mrs. Mabel Thomas, of Gneiss.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHEN TRUCK WRECKS

Medlin's Head Caught Between Door And Truck Body

Two men were injured, one of them narrowly escaping death, and a third escaped unharmed when a lumber truck, the property of Carter Lumber company, overturned twice and rolled down an embankment at the Thomas curve, at the east end of the Franklin airport, on the Highlands road, Tuesday afternoon.

The Rev. Judd Medlin, about 50, driver of the truck, was pinned in the wreckage, and after being freed was taken to Angel hospital by ambulance. Officials at the hospital said he suffered crushing injuries to the chest and lacerations of the face and head.

Witnesses said that Mr. Medlin's head was wedged between the door and the body of the truck. Miraculously, the frame of the vehicle was so twisted as to keep the door from closing completely on his head. The back of his head, they said, was half immersed in a small creek at the bottom of the embankment.

By using a jack to raise the truck, W. R. Carter, owner of the vehicle, said he and some employes from Burrell Motor company were able to free the injured man.

Arthur Hall, Negro, an employe of the lumber company, received treatment for cuts and bruises at Angel clinic and was released soon after.

The third occupant of the truck, Allie Webb, was not injured. He said they were taking a load of lumber to his home on Palmer road and that the accident happened so fast he did not know what caused it.

The truck, a 1948 Chevrolet, was badly damaged, but Mr. Carter said it was covered by insurance.

Franklin P. T. A. To Honor Teachers At Meeting Monday

A meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association will be held Monday night at 7:30 at the school, it has been announced.

Highlighting the meeting will be a tea and reception for new teachers and parents, following a short program.

Miss Roberta Enloe, Franklin high school teacher, will speak on "The United Nations, Our Hope for World Peace," and the devotional will be conducted by Miss Esther Wallace.

HEALTH MONEY HERE

Money for the county school health program has been received, to be used for corrective treatment among children in the county school system, Mrs. Eloise H. Potts, county welfare superintendent, announced this week.

DRUNKS LOSE LICENSES

Drunken driving accounted for 862 of the violations which ended in revocation or suspension of driver's licenses during September, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has reported.

Another White Mole, Rare Phenomenon, Is Discovered In Area

Another freak mole, slightly deceased, with a white underside and light tan body, was brought to The Press office this week by Lee Mason, who plowed it up along with some Irish potatoes on his farm in the Mason's Branch section.

Little "rigor mortis" is on display in the office window and interested persons should hasten to see it, as it won't be long before office personnel will be forced to see that it joins the trash in the nearest garbage can.

This is the second albino (colorless) mole discovered in this section within the past three weeks. Albinism in animals is said to occur only once in every 10,000 cases.

Plan Bouts Of Boxing, Wrestling

Twenty-four rounds of boxing and a wrestling match will king-pin a benefit show, the proceeds of which will go to the Franklin school fund, in the Franklin High school auditorium, Saturday night, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Topping the night's program will be a "grunt and groan" wrestling exhibition between Chief Saunooke, Cherokee Indian, and Wallace Martin, Franklin, High school teacher.

The chief and the teacher both have impressive records in the line of sports, and from all indications fans will get their money's worth from the two grapplers.

Chief Saunooke tips the scales at 350 pounds and has been a professional wrestler for 16 years running. Such notables in the "grunt and groan" field to bow to the Chief's hammer locks and scissors holds include "Strangler" Lewis, Jim Londis, "Man Mountain" Dean, and a chubby individual known as "The Blimp", who moves the arrow on the scales to 640 pounds.

Recent victories for the Chief were Tony Galento, the tavern owner who tried to unseat Joe Lewis for the heavy weight boxing crown, June 23, 1939, and Primo Carnera.

Mr. Martin's accomplishments include four years of college football, three years of college wrestling, and he taught hand-to-hand combat in the navy during the war. He will weigh in at 280 pounds for the tussle with the Chief.

On the boxing card for the night, Ray Cline and Benny Robinson, of Bryson City, will square off in the 135-pound class; Buddy Arch, of Cherokee, and Ben Dillard, of Sylva, will vie for honors in the 150-pound class; "Grease" Cunningham, of Sylva, and Franklin's own Bo Norton will swap leather in the 175-pound class. Heavyweights Jack (Lard) Cunningham, of Sylva, and Herb (Bear) Lambert, of Cherokee, will waltz for the tonnage bout.

The high school band will play between bouts, and other small boxing tiffs are scheduled for the night, including a fight between Danny Angel, of Franklin, and an unnamed fighter.

LOAD OF STEEL FOR NANTAHALA SCHOOL COMES

Excavation Is Started At East Franklin Site

A truckload of structural steel has been delivered to the new Nantahala school and work on the building is progressing rapidly, Guy L. Houk, county school superintendent, announced this week.

Although the foundation at the school had been completed, construction at the school, slowed to a standstill because promised steel deliveries were not being received.

Mr. Houk said that excavation on the site of the new East Franklin elementary school was begun last week, in preparation for pouring concrete footings, and a construction shack, to house equipment, is being erected at Franklin high school.

Work on the Highlands school should begin soon, Mr. Houk said, if contractors are able to obtain materials.

Many Enlist In Crusade Of Freedom

While no figures were available yesterday, Henry W. Cabe, Macon County chairman, said much interest has been shown in the Crusade for Freedom, and indications are that many persons are signing the Freedom Scrolls here.

Scrolls have been placed at the Bank of Franklin, the Macon Theatre, the Nantahala Power and Light company, the Van Raalte plant, the Zickgraf Hardwood company plant, and in a number of the schools, Mr. Cabe said.

Persons interested in the free life of the west, as contrasted with Communism, are invited to enlist in the Crusade for Freedom in either or both of two ways—by signing the Freedom Scrolls as a symbol of their faith in democracy, and by contributing to the fund with which Radio Free Europe is operated.

Radio Free Europe seeks to break down the Iron Curtain by broadcasting the truth about life in America and the other democracies, and beaming those broadcasts to the peoples behind the Iron Curtain. It is designed to supplement the work on the government-operated Voice of America.

The Freedom Scrolls are to be gathered, at the end of the campaign, and sent to Berlin to go into the building on which the Freedom Bell, which is now touring the country, will be placed.

Plans call for closing the campaign Saturday, and Mr. Cabe urged all interested persons to sign the scrolls and make such contributions as they wish this week.

ATTEND ROAD MEET

C. Gordon Moore and George Byrd attended the State Highway Employes Association convention in Greensboro Thursday through Saturday of last week.

WILL SPEAK HERE



REF. REDDEN

Mr. Redden, 12th district representative in congress, will address a Democratic rally at the courthouse here Saturday night. The program is set to start at 8 o'clock.

Symphony's Membership Drive Opens

The annual membership campaign of the N. C. Symphony Society in this county was launched Tuesday.

The appearances here each spring of the N. C. Little Symphony orchestra are financed through memberships. The orchestra each year gives an evening performance for members, and a free matinee for school children. The latter usually is held at Friendship tabernacle, since it has a greater seating capacity than any other auditorium here.

Even before the drive opened, a number of regular \$2 memberships had come in unsolicited, Miss Laura M. Jones, campaign chairman, said. In addition, she said, several persons have volunteered to take donor memberships of \$25 or more.

A meeting of workers was held at Miss Jones' home on the Georgia road Monday evening to lay final plans for the campaign.

Mrs. John H. C. Perry and Mrs. Allen Siler are campaign co-chairmen in Highlands and Franklin, respectively. The Symphony organization here is headed by E. J. Carpenter, president.

When the Little Symphony plays here next spring, it will be its sixth annual appearance in Franklin, the first concerts having been given in 1946.

Baptist Ministers Will Meet On Monday Morning

The Macon County Baptist Ministers conference will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the First Baptist church here.

PLAN FOOD SALE

The Auxiliary of St. Agnes Episcopal church will hold its monthly benefit bake and food sale at the Children's Shop tomorrow (Friday), starting at 9 a. m.

Driver's license examiners issued a total of 36,924 licenses during September, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has reported.

POLITICAL FIRE IN THIS COUNTY BEGINS TO BURN

Registration To Start Saturday; Redden Will Speak

Smouldering political fires began to crackle this week in Macon County as the biennial general election approached.

The Democrats plan a county-wide rally at the courthouse Saturday night, that meeting following a Cowee township rally held Friday evening of last week.

Meanwhile, registration for the November 7 election will start Saturday.

The registrars of the various precincts will be at the polling places for the registration of voters from 9 a. m. to sunset three Saturdays—October 14, October 21, and October 28. Persons whose names are not on the registration books and who are unable to get to the polling places on a Saturday may register other days between now and October 28 by seeing the registrar of their precinct at his home or place of employment, Siler Slagle, chairman of the Macon County board of elections, explained.

Mr. Slagle urged all those eligible to vote who are not registered to get their names on the books without delay, and suggested that any person who is not sure he is registered get in touch with his registrar to make sure.

A number of applications have been received for absentee ballots for men in the armed forces, he said, adding that those who wish absentee ballots for members of their families in service should file applications promptly, since the ballot must be sent to the serviceman and returned to Franklin in time to reach here by or before the day of the election.

Following the close of registration, Challenge Day will be observed November 4, the Saturday before the election, which falls on Tuesday.

Monroe M. Redden, of Hendersonville, this (the twelfth) congressional district's representative in congress, will be the chief speaker at Saturday night's Democratic rally, Jess Shope, county Democratic chairman, announced.

The program, which will start at 8 o'clock, is open to the general public, and voters from over the county are invited to attend, Mr. Shope said.

More than 50 Democrats attended the rally at Cowee last Friday night.

Milton Fouts, recently elected township president, presided and presented the following candidates to the group: Harry Thomas, Democratic nominee for the office of sheriff; Miss Kate McGee, the party's choice to serve as clerk of the superior court; C. Tom Bryson, candidate for representative; and Lake V. Shope, for register of deeds.

Following the introduction of candidates, a short talk was made by Bob Sloan, county president of the Young Democrat club.

Smith Infant Funeral Services Held Monday

Funeral services for Ernest Lee Smith, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, of Franklin, who died Monday, were held Tuesday morning at the Tellico Baptist church.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	75	40	01
Thursday	68	45	00
Friday	71	43	00
Saturday	72	35	00
Sunday	67	45	80
Monday	64	38	00
Tuesday	73	43	00
Wednesday	75	36	00

FRANKLIN RAINFALL

(As recorded by Manson Siles for TVA)
Wednesday, none; Thursday, none; Friday, none; Saturday, none; Sunday, none; Monday, .18; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, none.



MACON PICTURE SENT OVER STATE—Above is a reproduction of a photograph of Macon County children and a Macon County school bus that was sent all over the state this year in the literature of the N. C. Symphony Society. The photograph was made here the afternoon of a N. C. Symphony orchestra free children's concert. Note the words, "Macon County", on the bus, which was used to transport children to and from the performance.