

1,700 Hear Brown At UN Observance

Former Head Of V. F. W. Speaker; UN Flag Is Presented School

"On this United Nations Day, we are joining Americans everywhere in expressing confidence and faith in the United Nations," declared Otis N. Brown, past national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who was guest speaker at the Macon County United Nations day celebration, held in the Franklin school stadium Tuesday afternoon.

A crowd of more than 1,700 persons bore out Mr. Brown's statement that Americans everywhere were expressing confidence and faith in the world peace body.

It is a day not so much for celebration as for commemoration, for devotion to the cause of freedom and justice, for rededication to the principles for which the United Nations stands, he said.

Mr. Brown, of Greensboro, who is the only man from the South to hold the national commander's position in the V. F. W., briefly summarized the preamble of the U. N. charter, and told of the many difficulties which have confronted the organization in its five years of existence.

"Back of the legal formulation of the United Nations lay the horror of civilization at the unprecedented killing of World War 2," he pointed out. "Nations were war-sick and weary. And thus," he said, "the actions of the diplomats expressed the hope and spontaneous feeling of mankind for peace."

As every newspaper reader well knows, he said, the five years between 1945 and the present day have been heart-rending ones for the cause of tranquility. From an uneasy

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
The regular term of Franklin High school opened last week with an enrollment of 82 pupils. This is a fine beginning for the school.

The subscription list of the Press during this month has been run up to 11,000.

The Press is for Carr for United States Senator, and is not running a Simmons campaign. We don't propose to "tote water on both shoulders," nor sit "a-straddle of the fence."

25 YEARS AGO
Mr. W. A. Keener of Scroll got his arm broken sometime ago cranking a Ford.

Telephone users had better be careful what they say over the phone. For sometime now Mr. John Wasilik, connected with the Forest Service here, has been receiving telephone conversations over his radio.

The Franklin Lakes Development have ordered 5,000 arrows with the following inscription: "Stop—See Lake Emory, Franklin, N. C." These arrows will be placed on the highways between Franklin and Miami.

10 YEARS AGO
"Mountain Folks," WPA-produced movies of Macon people and scenes, ended its first showing in the sheriff's safe here last Saturday night, after a capacity audience, composed of people it supposedly represented, objected so strenuously to the film that Deputy Sheriff John Dills confiscated it in order to prevent a possible demonstration.

"Uncle Jim" Deal, one of Macon county's few remaining ex-slaves, celebrated his 92nd birthday last Sunday.

The widening of the business section of Main street from the postoffice to the courthouse, a project not included in the original street improvement, is now under consideration by the town board of aldermen.



OTIS N. BROWN

SEES DEFENSE AS PEACE HOPE

Brown Urges Veterans To Fight For U. S. Preparedness

An adequate national defense is the only way to a lasting peace, Otis N. Brown, of Greensboro, past national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said in an address to members of the local V. F. W. post at the courthouse Tuesday night.

"And the best security to peace," he declared, "is a vast coordination of all veterans in the United States to fight for an adequate national defense."

Mr. Brown, who is executive director of the North Carolina V. F. W., and a veteran of overseas duty in World War I, told the local post that veterans organizations have been begging Congress since the end of the "war to end all wars" (World War I) to set up adequate defenses in this country, but failed because pacifist groups "crying, 'save taxes, save money,'" exerted too much pressure.

And, he said, those groups sprang up again at the end of World War II.

"And what happened in Korea?" Mr. Brown asked, and answered: "Five hundred fifty-one veterans each day of the fighting became casualties because we were not ready to repel the attack."

What this country needs, he declared, is a defense system to keep Joe Stalin from "looking this way with a watery mouth."

Mr. Brown urged the local post to increase interest in the community, in order to build and strengthen the organization. He commented on the "able leadership in the local post" and congratulated the group on the newly formed women's auxiliary.

Mr. Brown's speech to the veterans followed his appearance as guest speaker at the United Nations Day celebration at the Franklin stadium in the afternoon.

Teachers Elect Mrs. Hunter As N. C. E. A. Head

The Macon County unit of the North Carolina Education association, at a meeting Saturday morning at Cullasaja school, elected officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Pearl Hunter was chosen president; Miss Roberta Enloe, vice-president; and Mrs. Fred Arnold, secretary.

A discussion of plans for the coming year marked the meeting.

It's Time To Mail Christmas Gifts Going Overseas

Christmas gifts going overseas to members of the armed forces and American civilian employes of the armed forces should be mailed between October 15 and November 15, the army air force and navy postal services have announced.

No perishables should be shipped, the announcement said, and each package should be securely wrapped and correctly addressed.

PAY 59 CENTS FOR TURKISH TOBACCO HERE

Price Average 30 Cents Below 1949; Crop Brings \$560

Nine hundred fifty-three pounds of Turkish aromatic tobacco, grown by eight Macon county farmers, brought \$560.95 at a sale at the Agricultural building Monday morning.

The average price per pound was 59 cents, as compared with 89 cents at last year's sale. The highest, \$1.10, was paid to Fred Dills, of Cullasaja, and D. T. Allen, of Franklin, Route 3. The lowest was 15 cents.

Last year's high was \$1.20 per pound, and the purchasing company guaranteed an 85-cent per pound minimum, and graded accordingly. This year only grading was done and no minimum figure was set.

Purchasing and grading of the tobacco was done by representatives of the Southeastern Aromatic Tobacco company, Anderson, S. C.

Each farmer had one-fourth of an acre of the tobacco under cultivation.

Following are the names and the amounts sold by the men: Continued On Page Eight

High Falls' Discoverer Visits Here

Jimmie Angel, the man who is credited with discovering the highest waterfall in the world, was here this week, visiting his Angel kin.

Mr. Angel is believed to be the first white man to see the falls, which now bear his name, of the Caroni river, in Venezuela. The Caroni is a tributary of the Orinoco.

The falls are officially listed at 3,100 feet, the figure given in an account several years ago in the National Geographic magazine, but Mr. Angel declares the engineers made an error in making the measurements; the water, he says, drops more than 5,000 feet.

Mr. Angel, a geologist, was engaged in mining at the time he made the discovery, in 1934.

Though he is a native of Missouri, Mr. Angel is of Macon county stock. His father, who left here for Missouri as a young man, was Jim Angel, and his grandfather was Jim Ed Angel, a brother of the late T. W. Angel, Sr.

Now doing diamond mining in British Guinea, he came here via Miami, and plans to go from Franklin to Washington, where he has business.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Angel and their two sons.

Road Construction Blast Responsible For Power Cut-Off

Electrical service in Franklin was off and on for over two hours Tuesday morning.

John M. Archer, Jr., president of Nantahala Power and Light company, said contractors building a new road from US 23, through Webster, to N. C. 107, blew the main transmission line down, accidentally, while blasting a new road bed.

Service, he said, to many Western North Carolina counties was interrupted for about three and a half hours while the line was being repaired.

John Davis Dies

Word was received here yesterday of the death yesterday morning in Waynesville of John Davis. Mr. Davis was known in Franklin as the husband of two former residents of this county.

He first married Miss Mattie Siler, and after her death, Miss Hattie Siler, who also died. His widow is the former Mrs. Welmar Siler.

Surplus In Macon County's Treasury Grows To \$225,000

Financially, Macon County in recent years definitely has moved from the red to the black side of the ledger, and the surplus in the county treasury has shown a steady growth in the past five years.

The county's 1950 surplus is \$225,298.31, according to an audit report filed this month with the board of county commissioners by R. C. Birmingham, Charlotte certified public accountant.

The audit, made as of July 1, shows the combined surplus, including the surpluses in the general debt service, pauper, courts and jail, health, county social security, and Franklin

5 Constitutional Amendments Will Be Passed On By Voters

In addition to the election of public officials, voters in Macon and the other 99 North Carolina counties will pass on five proposed amendments to the state constitution at the general election November 7.

One of the amendments deals with the pay of legislators; another seeks to safeguard the funds of the teachers' and state employes' retirement system; a third would make it possible for a defendant charged with a felony to waive grand jury indictment; and two deal with superior court judges.

The pay of state legislators (members of the house and state senate) is fixed by the state constitution, and therefore can be changed only by constitutional amendment. The present compensation, set 22 years ago, is \$600 per member, regardless of the length of the regular session of the general assembly, plus \$8 per day for each day of a special session, not to exceed 20 days. In the event a special session lasts longer than 20 days, the legislators must serve without pay. The presiding officers of the two houses are paid \$700 each, and \$10 per day for a special session, up to 20 days.

The constitutional amendment proposed by the 1949 legislature provides for: changing the rate of pay of members of the general assembly to \$15 per day, not to exceed 90 days of a general session, and the same rate per day for a special session, not to exceed 25 days. The two presiding officers would receive \$20 per day, under the amendment.

The change can become effective only if it is approved by the voters in the approaching election.

Those who favor the change point out that it has been nearly a quarter of a century since the pay of legislators was increased; that the cost of living has vastly increased during that period; and that the cost to the state, under the change, would be less than at present if a session lasted less than 40 days, would be the same if it last 40 days, and would be more only when sessions last longer than 40 days. They add that 40 states and four territories now pay their legislators more than North Carolina, and that even under the amendment, North Carolina still will pay its legislators less than is paid in 20 states and two territories.

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PANTHERS LICK ROBBINSVILLE

Local Eleven Defeats Graham Team; Wins By 13-0 Score

A slow starting Panther eleven began rolling in the third quarter and downed Robbinstonville, 13 to 0, last Friday night on the Robbinstonville field.

The two teams assumed the role of "mudders" for the night and sloshed their way up and down a field that was ankle deep in mud, in spots, from recent rains.

The Panthers, in the middle of a mid-season slump, overpowered the Robbinstonville eleven in the third quarter for six points, and again in the fourth quarter moved downfield to pay dirt.

For the first score, Robbinstonville kicked to the 35 and the Panthers took over. Bo Norton steamrollered his way around left end for 45 yards, down to the 12. Charlie Shields mashed the center of the Robbinstonville line for six yards in two carries, and Bobby Potts scooted around right end for six yards, and a touchdown. John (Bardy) Archer missed the extra point.

Robbinstonville kicked from its own goal line and Archer tucked it in on the Robbinstonville 45. Shields powered through center for 15 yards and Bo Norton danced around left end for a touchdown, but it was nullified because of a clipping penalty.

Archer, skirting right end behind some pretty blocking, carried the pigskin over the stripe for the Panthers second touchdown, and then kicked the extra point.

During the day's program, incoming officers for the year will be installed by the first Macon county council president, Mrs. Carl S. Slagle. The new officers are Mrs. Ralph Bradley, president; Mrs. Jack Cabe, vice-president; Mrs. Dan Reynolds, secretary; and Mrs. Charlie Houston, treasurer.

Dr. Carl Janowski, district health officer, is scheduled to deliver an illustrated lecture on "Guideposts for Mental Health," and Miss Roberta Enloe, Franklin high school teacher, will speak on "United Nations, Our Hope for World Peace."

Films, relative to the work of the United Nations, entitled "Defense of the Peace," and "Battle for Bread," will be shown in the basement of the building, Mrs. Ray said.

Charter club members will be honored and members with perfect attendance for the past year will be given prizes. Reading certificates will be presented to 37 members.

The home demonstration club having the largest number of points in the achievement score will be awarded a gavel. Mrs. Ray explained that points are earned by the clubs for participation in community activities, project leaders, holding demonstrations in the absence

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WILL SPEAK HERE



BRANDON P. HODGES

Mr. Hodges, North Carolina state treasurer, will address a county-wide Democratic rally at the courthouse here Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. Hodges, former state senator and county attorney for Buncombe county, long has been active in Democratic affairs in Buncombe and Western North Carolina. He was elected treasurer in 1948. Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, will be an out-of-town guest. All county nominees are expected to attend. Bob Sloan, Young Democrat club president, will preside.

BLAZE COSTS DILLS \$7,000

Old Log Cabin Building Destroyed By Early Morning Fire

An early morning fire Friday, during a heavy rain, destroyed the old Log Cabin Filling station, which at the time housed a tire recapping shop, at the intersection of U. S. 23 and West Main street, and losses totaled approximately \$7,000.

Mack Dills, proprietor of the recapping shop, listed his losses in equipment at \$7,000. There was no insurance to cover the loss, he said. The building, owned by the First Baptist church, was valued at approximately \$500.

The fire was discovered by Don Ellis, an employe of Van Raalte, about 3:45 o'clock as he drove by the building on his way home from work. He located Homer Chocrane, night policeman, who turned in the alarm.

The fire had gained too much headway, since the building contained tires and strip rubber used in recapping, and the

GIVEN \$500 LIFT Donations, totaling approximately \$500, were collected this week in Franklin to help put Mack Dills back in business again. Collections were handled by Burrell Motor company, Crisp Studio, and the Macon theatre.

local fire department was unable to extinguish the blaze.

Although the origin of the fire is unknown, Mr. Dills expressed belief that it was caused by electrical wiring, short-circuited by water. He explained that rain water had been seeping in through the wall of the building, and thought it

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Zone Meeting Of W. S. C. S. To Be Held Wednesday

A meeting of representatives of the Methodist Women's Societies of Christian Service in the Macon County zone will be held at the Franklin Methodist church Wednesday of next week, starting at 10:30 o'clock, it has been announced by Mrs. Fred M. Slagle, zone chairman.

A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon. Visitors from a number of adjoining counties are expected to attend.

While all members of societies in this county are invited, Mrs. Slagle said society officers are especially urged to attend, since the meeting will be in the nature of an officers' training course.

VOTE INTEREST HERE CENTERS IN TWO RACES

Nine County Officials Will Be Elected November 7

With interest centering in two local races—those of representative and sheriff—Macon County voters will go to the polls November 7 to elect nine county officials and help decide five district and state Democratic-Republican contests.

They also will ballot on five proposed amendments to the North Carolina constitution.

In addition to the county offices, voters here will cast their ballots in the contests for North Carolina's two seats in the U. S. senate, two places on the N. C. supreme court, and for this (the twelfth) district's representative in congress.

The Democratic nominees for 14 state and two district offices—20th district solicitor and 33rd district state senator—have no opposition.

In this, the "off-year," general election, the voters of this county will elect a representative in the lower house of the N. C. general assembly, a sheriff, the chairman of the county board of commissioners, two members of the board, a clerk of superior court, a register of deeds, a coroner, and a surveyor.

C. Tom Bryson, Cullasaja merchant and former register of deeds, the Democratic nominee for representative, is opposed by the Rev. C. C. Welch, Baptist minister. Mr. Bryson won the Democratic nomination in the primary last May, defeating C. A. Elmore in the primary race. The winner in the November 7 balloting will succeed Carl S. Slagle, who did not seek reelection.

J. P. Bradley, Republican, who has held the sheriff's office for two four-year terms, is opposed by Democrat J. Harry Thomas, former Farmers Federation manager. Mr. Thomas won the Democratic nomination in a four-way primary race. At present, Mr. Bradley is the only Republican officeholder in this county.

The candidates for chairman of the board of county commissioners are W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, Democratic incumbent, and F. E. Hastings, Mr. Baldwin is a Franklin business man, and Mr. Hastings, of Franklin, Route 2, is a farmer and timberman. Mr. Baldwin, who was unopposed for the Democratic nomination, is now serving his first full term.

The two present members of the board of commissioners, W. W. Edwards, Highlands hotel man, and John A. Roane, Cartoogechaye farmer, are the Democratic nominees. They are opposed by Republicans J. D. Burnette, Highlands merchant, and L. M. Henson, farmer and wood buyer, at Otto.

Miss Kate McGee, who won the Democratic nomination for clerk of superior court over incumbent J. Clinton Brookshire in last spring's primary election, faces Republican Paul B. Carpenter in next month's balloting. Miss McGee is now an employe in the register of deeds office. Mr. Carpenter is engaged in the laundry business here.

Lake V. Shope, who was unopposed for renomination as register of deeds, is pitted against Republican Sam W. Higdon. Mr. Shope is serving his second term in the office. Mr. Higdon, of East Franklin, is an employe of the Macon County.

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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	75	51	00
Thursday	63	60	1.35
Friday	77	61	3.55
Saturday	66	60	01
Sunday	69	58	.01
Monday	71	59	.29
Tuesday	76	49	00
Wednesday	42	00	00

Total Rainfall 5.21
(As recorded by Manson Siles for TVA)

Franklin Rainfall

Wednesday, none; Thursday, trace; Friday, 3.25 of an inch; Saturday, .17; Sunday, none; Monday, .09; Tuesday, .04; Wednesday, none.

Bulletins

The local draft board received a call Wednesday for 20 Macon county men to be sent to Charlotte, November 2, for pre-induction examinations. W. N. Sloan, chairman, said all notices to men making up the call will be in the mail by Friday of this week.

A carload of cement, enough to complete the pouring of footings and the foundation at the East Franklin school, arrived this week, Guy L. Houk, county school superintendent, said yesterday. Work on the elementary school and Franklin high school will begin immediately, he said.