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MACON COUNTY IS IN DEFENSE ZONE'S CENTER

Air Traffic In Area Around Oak Ridge Is Restricted

Macon County is almost in the center of an Air Defense Identification Zone set up around the atomic energy plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn., as a part of this country's defense program.

Air Defense Identification Zones (ADIZ) are being set up around strategic areas in the United States, and Macon County and most of Western North Carolina, as far east as Asheville, fall within the zone surrounding Oak Ridge.

The zoning will require all civilian planes entering and flying within a zone to file flight plans. The zones are designated by the administrator of civil aeronautics.

The restricted area around the Tennessee atomic plant covers portions of Virginia, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Georgia, in addition to the western part of North Carolina and approximately half of Tennessee.

According to information received here, the new regulations are effective upon publication in the federal register, and put into action provisions of Executive Order No. 10197, which was signed by President Truman December 20.

The filing of flight plans and position reports in the restricted areas is necessary, so that the Air Force can recognize friendly aircraft, Donald W. Nyroy, administrator of Civil Aeronautics, said.

When asked this week if he had received any official communications concerning the filing of flight plans, Bill Willoughby, manager of the Franklin airport, said, "the only official word I have received thus far has been not to fly over the Oak Ridge plant."

He added that the local airport has been surveyed for military and civilian defense purposes and that all of the planes at the field have been listed with the civilian defense administration for use at any time.

PLAN STUDENT NIGHT

The First Baptist church here will hold a "Student Night Program" Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. College students and high school seniors will be in charge of the program. Immediately following the evening service, a "progressive party" will be given for college students and high school seniors. The party will take place in the homes of Mrs. J. H. Stockton, Mrs. Charles Bradley, Mrs. Frelon Dryman, Mrs. John Archer, and Mrs. Alfred Higdon.

The Fifth Sunday Singing convention will be held at the courthouse here, starting at 10 a. m., tomorrow (Sunday). It has been announced by J. M. Raby, president. The general public is invited, Mr. Raby said.

Wilhides, Hines, Angels Winners Of First 3 Places In Yule Lighting Contest

By artistically capturing the spirit of Christmas with outdoor decorations, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wilhide's home in East Franklin also captured first place in the second annual home outdoor Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Franklin Garden club last Saturday evening.

Second place honors went to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hines, who displayed a nativity scene, colorfully realistic, in their garage at the side of their home on Green street.

Mr. Hines is principal of the Negro school here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., were adjudged third best in the contest, which found the judges having difficult decisions to make because of the community's more than gratifying response in competitive decorations.

Judges were Mrs. E. S. Purdom, W. L. Nothstein, and Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Jr.

Mrs. Lyle said they were very impressed with the nativity scene at the Hines home, and discussed awarding first place to the scene, which actually portrayed the spirit of Christmas in a much stronger vein than any of the other entries.

However, she said, Mr. and Mrs. Wilhide's display was more in line with the contest limitations, since the judges were asked to judge on the basis of outdoor Christmas decorations. The nativity scene, Mrs. Lyle pointed out, would have been difficult to duplicate by other contestants since it must have taken a great deal of time to arrange the scene.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhide's winning display artistically showed Santa Claus standing on the

front porch, preparing to enter the house. A large picture window at the front of the house was offset with colorful strings of Christmas lights and the words, "Merry Christmas", in red letters, nestled under the eaves of the house. A milk bottle on the porch and smoke curling from the chimney added to the effectiveness of the Yuletide scheme.

The controversial nativity scene was a study in realistic art. Mr. Hines and the children at the Negro school cut and colored cardboard figures of Mary and Joseph, the Baby Jesus, and the Wise Men. Mr. Hines' garage was arranged to represent a manger, with harnesses, shocks of fodder, and hay.

The cardboard figures were grouped around the figure of the Christ child, offset with soft lights. Overhead shone an electric star, and soft Christmas music floated through the background of the scene.

So realistic, a number of persons who went to see the manger scene, thought the figures were real.

Three carolers, holding a hymnal and singing, centered in a spotlight, gave Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr. third place in the contest. Two huge electric candles penetrated the darkness around the steps of the home and trees in the yard were festooned with colorful lights.

All decorated homes in Franklin, and those within one mile of the town limits, were judged in the contest. No prizes were given to the contest winners.

Members of the Garden club sponsoring the contest were Mrs. B. L. McGlamery, Mrs. J. H. Stockton, and Mrs. J. R. Ray.

THIS COUNTY'S 2 LEGISLATORS LEAVE SUNDAY

Assembly Will Convene Wednesday; Party's Caucus Tuesday

The two legislators from this county—R. S. Jones, state senator from this five-county district, and C. Tom Bryson, Macon County representative—will leave Franklin Sunday for the state capital, and the opening of the 1951 general assembly Wednesday.

They will attend the Democratic party caucus Tuesday night, and will be given their oaths of office Wednesday morning, prior to the formal convening of the assembly.

When Mr. Jones assumes his seat, it will be the first time in 18 years that a Macon County man has served in the state senate.

The state senator-elect, discussing the approaching legislative session with a reporter, said he had no hard-and-fast program.

"I know of no local legislation that is needed", he commented, "and on state-wide legislation, it is my plan to study each measure as it comes up, and do what I think is right."

Mr. Jones will be accompanied to Raleigh by Mrs. Jones and their daughter, Margaret. While in Raleigh, they will make their home at 615 North Blount street.

Mr. Bryson, who will stay at the Sir Walter hotel, reiterated

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We Quail

To Think About It! And It's Legal!

Six quail "fowled out", staged an impromptu mass harikari Tuesday afternoon on Town Hill, and gave died-in-the-wool bird hunters good cause for trading in their pointers and shotguns and quitting the sport.

To make a long story longer, a number of witnesses are standing by to substantiate the tale of how Mrs. Neal Johnston bagged six quail in her front yard on East Main street without benefit of ammunition, shotgun, dog, or a desire to hunt.

Mrs. Johnston returned from work to find two fat quail lying on her front door step and further "hunting" pointed out four more of the birds in the front yard, most of them with their necks broken.

Six birds—the limit according to law—and not a shot fired!

What happened? A good guess is that someone flushed a covey in the field across the street from her apartment, and the birds, flying too low, butted their noggins against the front of the building.

And like a true bird hunter, who bagged the limit, Mrs. Johnston cleaned and dressed the "suicides." A hot frying pan climaxed the incident.

ORDER 10 MEN FOR INDUCTION

Draft Call For Jan. 16 Will Bring County's Total To 45

Ten Macon County men have been ordered to report to Charlotte January 16 for induction into the army, making a total of 45 men from this county who have been called under the selective service act since the beginning of the Korean war, W. N. Sloan, chairman of the local draft board announced this week.

The induction call is the third one received here since the board was re-activated in July. One group of 30 men left here November 30, and five men reported for induction December 5.

The present call followed on the heels of Macon's largest pre-induction call, which was received last week and asked for 40 men to be sent to Charlotte January 26 for preliminary examinations.

The speed-up of selective service is nation-wide, following President Truman's declaration of a national emergency and re-

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What Happened In Macon County

1950 Chronology

THIS YEAR

People who are inclined to say "nothing ever happens here" may be surprised as they scan the 48 happenings listed below. This list of Macon County events, arranged by months, lays no claim to being complete. It is, instead, a chronology of some of the more important occurrences in Macon County during the year, as revealed by headlines in The Franklin Press during 1950.

JANUARY

E. J. Whitmire, Jr., vocational agricultural teacher at Franklin High school for the past 10 years, resigned. He was replaced by Wayne Proffitt, of Burnsville.

Carl G. Snively, head coach at the University of North Carolina, was the guest speaker at the Franklin High Paniers' football banquet, given by the Franklin Rotary club.

FEBRUARY

Zeb Meadows was selected as Franklin's permanent postmaster, succeeding T. W. Porter, who retired.

Macon County's \$514,000 school bond election carried by a 5 to 1 vote.

Senator Frank P. Graham addressed the annual dinner meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

MARCH

Mrs. Mary Louise Sherrill was appointed to head the 1950 Macon County census taking.

C. M. Byrd, state highway patrolman, reported for duty here, replacing W. T. Jenkins, who was suspended.

George W. Reece, Franklin merchant, was shot by a masked man at his store on the Murphy road. A young Negro boy, Robert Junior Scruggs, who later confessed to the shooting, received 25-30 years at the April term of superior court.

The Slagle school girls' team and the Iotla boys' team won the Macon County grammar school basketball tournament.

APRIL

Mrs. Allen Siler was elected to head the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

The Rev. M. W. Chapman held his first service here as pastor of the First Baptist church.

MAY

E. W. Long was elected Franklin town clerk, tax collector, and treasurer by the board of aldermen, succeeding the late C. J. Mooney.

Paul A. Reid, president of Western Carolina Teachers college, delivered the commencement address to the Franklin High graduating class. The graduation class numbered 88.

The Democrats, in a record vote, nominated J. Harry Thomas for sheriff, C. Tom Bryson for representative, and Miss Kate McGee for clerk of superior court. John W. Roane and W. W. Edwards were renominated for members of the board of county commissioners.

Democrats put in three new men on the county board of education. T. T. Love, J. C. Sorrells, and Charles W. Nolen defeated C. Gordon Moore, F. A. Edwards, and J. F. Browning.

JUNE

Franklin's population in 1950 census put at 1964. Highlands as 514 and Macon County as a whole was 16,150, an increase of 170 since 1940.

The Macon Construction company's bids for excavation work on four new schools were accepted by the board of education.

Senator Frank P. Graham carried Macon in the run-off primary, but lost, in the state, for the senate seat to Willis Smith.

Billy Graham, famed young evangelist, had the breathless attention of an overflow crowd of 2,000 at the Friendship tabernacle.

JULY

A Highlands delegation of 15 persons appeared before the county board of education to protest against the plans, as drawn, for the proposed new Highlands school.

Macon County school bonds sold for 2.8615.

Bids on four proposed new schools, Franklin high, East Franklin, Nantahala, and Highlands, totaled \$629,959.

W. N. Sloan was named to head Macon County's draft board. E. G. Crawford and William Katenbrink were named to serve with him on the three-man board.

AUGUST

The Mead Corporation, Sylva, which stopped buying pulp wood in February, 1949, resumed activity here.

The Wedgwood historical marker was unveiled on U. S. 28 at the intersection of Cowee road.

A check for \$517,178.92, the largest ever cleared here, was received, the proceeds of the county's school bond issue.

Curtis Shedd, confessed killer of three, was arraigned on two counts of murder at the opening of the August term of superior court with Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, presiding. Shedd's trial was postponed to the December term of court, following the death of Solicitor Thad D. Bryson's father.

SEPTEMBER

Thirty men, Macon's first draft pre-induction call, left for examinations in Charlotte.

The 1950-51 Franklin High football season opened with Franklin playing host to Andrews. Franklin won, 26-0.

A Carl Tysinger was appointed to head civilian defense here.

OCTOBER

Otis N. Brown, past national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was guest speaker at the United Nations day celebration held in the Franklin High stadium.

Funeral services for Pfc. Robert L. Rogers, the first reported Macon County soldier killed in the Korean war, were held at the First Baptist church.

Donald Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Brown, won the N. C. Electrical 4-H contest in Raleigh.

NOVEMBER

The Western Carolina Telephone company purchased the Clay County Telephone company at Hayesville and took over operations of the company.

The Democrats won every county office in record balloting in the general election.

Weyman Waldrop's calf won the annual Fat Stock Show Grand Championship ribbon in Asheville.

The Franklin High Panthers lost the Smoky Mountain Conference crown to Bryson City in a hardfought game here. Score, 31 to 20.

The parents of Pfc. Floyd W. Moffitt, who was reported as being slightly wounded August 15 in action in Korea, were notified that he had been killed on that date. He was the second reported casualty from this county in the Korean war, but the first in point of time.

The mercury dipped to a low of 3 above zero, breaking a nine-year record and assorted plumbing in Macon County.

Macon County's first draft contingent reported for induction into the army in Charlotte. The call numbered 30 men.

DECEMBER

Miss Kate McGee, first woman in Macon County to be elected to a county office, took over duties as clerk of superior court.

The board of county commissioners agreed to sell the county lot on West Main street to the Nantahala Power and Light company for \$15,000.

Curtis Shedd was sentenced to the gas chamber after being found guilty of murder on two counts by a Jackson County jury, in Macon's superior court. Date of execution was set for January 26.

The Western Carolina Telephone company was given permission to raise phone rates by the N. C. Utilities commission. Macon County topped all of the other 99 counties in the state for highway safety from January through September.

Mrs. Martha Jane (Aunt Jane) Bryson, Macon's oldest resident, celebrated her 100th birthday at her home on Bryson branch.

The latest pre-induction call received by this county since the start of the Korean war asked for 40 men. The call came on the heels of President Truman's declaration of a national emergency.

PHONE RATES WILL GO UP HERE MONDAY

New Schedule Of Rental Charges Approved By N. C. Body

Telephone rate increases—enough to produce an additional \$8,000 gross income for the Western Carolina Telephone company—will go into effect Monday, (January 1) R. E. McKelvey, the company's general manager, announced this week.

In Franklin and Sylva, the rate increase will be the same, he said. Business rates will average 75 cents higher, one-party residence phones will go up an average 50 cents, and an increase of 25 cents will affect two-party, four-party, and multi-party phones.

In Highlands, Mr. McKelvey pointed out, business rates for one and two party phones will increase \$1, and a 50-cent increase will apply to four-party and multi-party business phones. Residence phone rates will go up 25 cents, he said.

In all three of the towns, he said, a 25-cent increase on business and residence extension phones will go into effect. Residence extensions will increase from 75 cents per month to \$1, and business extensions from \$1 to \$1.25.

The telephone company was given authority to increase rates by the N. C. Utilities commission, and final approval on the \$8,000 gross increase was announced last week. The company, in applying for the rate increase, asked the commission for an increase that would raise an additional \$22,618, on a basis of present facilities and business. The commission granted, however, only an annual increase of \$8,000, explaining that further increases are likely as soon as the local company completes its expansion program, and its investment increases.

The present rate increase, company officials said, is the first one put into effect by the company since 1927.

Following are the increased rates, as compared with the old

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New Year's Watch Night Rite Planned

A New Year's watch night service will be held at the Franklin Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, from 11 o'clock to midnight.

Representatives of the Baptist, Episcopal, and Presbyterian churches will participate in the service, which has been planned chiefly for the young people of the community.

A three-part program is planned.

The program will open with a song service, led by Everett R. White, with Miss Edith Plemons as accompanist.

Participating in the worship and dedication service, the second phase of the program, will be Misses Carolyn Nothstein, Rebecca Smart and Lillian Jones, and John Flanagan and the Rev. Hoyt Evans, Presbyterian pastor.

The program will close with a prayer service, to be conducted by the Rev. M. W. Chapman, Baptist pastor. This service is expected to be in progress when the stroke of midnight starts the new year.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	41	22	00
Thursday	43	8	00
Friday	54	18	00
Saturday	53	17	00
Sunday	59	25	trace
Monday	58	21	00
Tuesday	59	28	00
Wednesday	40	29	00
Thursday	40	26	.72
Friday	34	00	00

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Manson Siles for TVA)

Wednesday	none
Thursday	none
Friday	none
Saturday	none
Sunday	none
Monday	none
Tuesday	none
Wednesday	none
Thursday	none
Friday	.48



FRANKLIN'S CHIC majorettes take time out for a bit of a rest, and after strutting at the head of the Franklin school band, tired legs welcome a bit of rest. Besides, what youngsters wouldn't take time out to have their picture taken? Left to right, Wanda Crisp, Martis Angel, Marjory Moody, Joan Thomas, Helen Cochran, and Barbara Duncan.