

### Macon County Breathes Easier With Mexican Capture Of Cook

The capture of William E. (Bill) Cook, the 22-year-old ex-convict suspected of killing at least eight persons, in Mexico Monday, gave Macon County citizens a chance to breathe easier since he was reported as being in this area Saturday.

A police dragnet, scouring the Southwest for the slippery Cook, spread to Macon County when local law enforcement officers were alerted to be on the lookout for the youthful killer, who was reportedly seen in Madisonville, Tenn., Saturday. Madisonville is approximately 20 miles from the North Carolina line.

Roadblocks were immediately set up when the alarm was spread on all roads leading into Western North Carolina, in the event that Cook headed eastward. The blocks were removed Sunday but highways were closely patrolled until his capture Monday, it is understood.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said his office was alerted and that he and his deputy began patrolling Macon roads Saturday.

Law enforcement officers of more than half a dozen states had been on the trail of the fugitive, following a series of slayings that began New Year's Day.

### TIDE OF TOYS DRIVE WILL END FRIDAY NIGHT

Collection Should Net \$100 In Toys Legion Official Says

The "Tide of Toys" drive, launched last week by the local American Legion post, gained momentum this week and a legion official estimated that more than \$100 in toys will have been collected by the time the drive closes Friday.

The playthings will be sent to Western Europe's unfortunate children and some will be given to children whose fathers are fighting in Korea. E. W. Renshaw, post commander, said. The local drive is in conjunction with a nation-wide collection by Legion posts.

Toys collected this week included modeling clay sets, crayons, rubber balls, softballs, books, and erector sets. Some of the toys were purchased at a discount from local merchants by legionnaires, and a number were donated by merchants and citizens.

Donors are asked to observe three general rules, when contributing to the drive.

1. Select toys sturdy enough for overseas journey.

2. Write a personal note of greeting, giving the giver's name and address and attach it securely to the toys.

3. Do not give electrically powered toys or war toys.

Macon County citizens are urged to back the Legion post by contributing either new or used toys. The collection center locally, Mr. Renshaw said, is the Franklin Hardware company on the town square.

At the close of the drive Friday night the toys will be packed and shipped to a collection center in Miami, Fla., in preparation for shipment and distribution overseas, he said.

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars post and the Franklin Rotary club is aiding the Legion in the drive.

### Only Five Men Make Induction Trip Tuesday

Macon County's third draft contingent, which left Tuesday morning for Charlotte and induction into the army, was short five men.

The call was for 10 men. However, only five boarded the bus. W. N. Sloan, chairman of the draft board, explained that only eight men in the county were eligible for induction when the call was received. Notices to report for induction were sent out to the eight.

However, when the board reviewed classifications, it found that one of the men ordered to report had enlisted in the Marines, and two others were

### Two Cases Of Diphtheria At Lakey Creek

Two cases of diphtheria were reported to the health department this week, both in the same family.

Ronnie Clark, 5, and Sandra, 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Clark, of the Lakey Creek section, contracted the disease January 9. The cases were reported to the health department two days later, officials said.

The department urged parents to start their children on immunization shots immediately, if they have not had previous shots, either through the health department or a private physician.

The local health office will be open each Monday from 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. to give immunization shots and to answer any questions persons may wish to ask about diphtheria.

Any child over six months old should begin immunization shots, officials said. Two or more injections of diphtheria toxoids are necessary in the first series of injections should be followed up from time to time with reinforcing doses to keep up the immunity, they pointed out.

Diphtheria has become so rare that some parents may think their child is in no danger of catching it. This is a mistaken idea, the health office warns, and no child is safe from the disease until he has been successfully immunized.

By means of the widespread use of diphtheria toxoid, the disease has declined from approximately 150 cases for every 100,000 people in North Carolina in 1920, to 15 cases per 100,000 people in 1946.

Diphtheria is caused by the diphtheria bacillus which grows mainly in the nose and throat. It produces a powerful toxin or poison which is spread by the blood stream, and may attack the heart muscle and damage it severely.

The disease usually starts with a sore throat, chilliness, slight fever, aching, loss of appetite, and sometimes vomiting and headache, officials said.

Antitoxin must be given a child who has diphtheria and if given early enough, will usually prevent death from the disease. The earlier antitoxin is given the better the outcome.

### Band Officials Reelected To Serve During 1951

The Bank of Franklin officers and board of directors, who served during 1950, were reelected for another year, it was announced this week.

At a stockholders meeting last Wednesday, members of board of directors were reappointed to serve during 1951. The directors met to reorganize the following day and reelected last year's officers for another term.

A. B. Slagle was renamed chairman of the board, M. L. Dowdle, president, R. S. Jones, vice-president, H. W. Cabe, cashier, George Dean and Grover Jamison, Jr., assistant cashiers.

Directors are A. B. Slagle, M. L. Dowdle, H. W. Cabe, Fred M. Arnold, Grover Jamison, Sr., R. S. Jones, and L. B. Liner.

### Stork Working Doubletime As Baby Births Here Boom Since New Years

Baby 1951, hasn't been the only newcomer in and around Macon County since the New Year was ushered in. This area has had, so to speak, a "bump-crop" of new youngsters.

Thirteen babies were delivered at Angel hospital from the first to the fifteenth of this month.

Dates of the new arrivals, and names of the proud parents are as follows: January 1, a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde J. Bolek, of Franklin; a son, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Duvall, Route 3, Franklin; January 3, a son, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Buchanan, Gay; January 5, a son, Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace, Route 1, Franklin; January 6, a son, Mr.

### SYMPHONY UNIT WILL BE HERE ON MARCH 1ST

Little Symphony To Give 2 Concerts, Miss Jones Announces

The North Carolina Little Symphony orchestra will present two concerts here March 1.

The date for the orchestra's annual appearances in Franklin was received from the Symphony Society headquarters in Chapel Hill and announced this week by Miss Laura M. Jones, county membership chairman.

The orchestra, playing in Franklin for its sixth consecutive season, will give its evening concert, for members, at the Franklin Methodist church at 8 p. m. The matinee, for school children of the county, is set for 2:30 p. m. at the Friendship Tabernacle.

The membership campaign to date has been unusually successful, Miss Jones said, adding that a number of memberships were received during the Christmas holidays. Workers throughout the county were asked by Miss Jones to complete their canvasses as promptly as possible, and turn in their membership stubs and the money collected.

Admission to the evening concert is by membership card. Adult memberships are \$2, and the junior memberships, for high school children, are 60 cents. A membership entitles the holder to attend Symphony concerts anywhere in the state, in addition to the one in Franklin.

Children from the first seven grades in the various schools in the county will be selected by the schools to attend the free matinee. Since seats are at a premium for this children's concert, it is not open to adults, except teachers who accompany the children.

The program for the children's concert has been completed, and in making it public Miss Jones expressed the hope that children throughout the county will obtain the booklet, "Symphony Stories", which is

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### Tacky Party To Be Given By Garden Club Friday

The Franklin Garden club benefit "tacky party" will be held tomorrow night (Friday) at 8 o'clock at the Slagle Memorial building, it was announced this week.

Admission charge will be 50 cents, and the proceeds will be used for civic beautification, a club official said.

Highlighting the night's hilarity will be a "manless wedding" and other entertainment. Dressing "tacky" will be optional, officers said, and prizes for the best costumes will be awarded.

Dancing is planned, and refreshments will be served.

### Chamber Of Commerce Dinner Is Postponed

The annual Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting, slated to be held Friday night at Slagle Memorial building, has been postponed because the date conflicts with the meeting of another local organization, association officials have announced.

The new date for the dinner will be announced later.

### Roland Child Struck By Falling Bannister In High School Gym

Gary Roland, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roland, was struck on the head by a falling bannister slat, believed to have been kicked loose by an overly enthusiastic basketball fan in the balcony at the Franklin High-Syva High game at the school Tuesday night.

Angel Clinic, where the boy was rushed following the accident, said it took two stitches to close the wound in the child's head.

### PTA Meeting Marked By Safety Talks

Talks on safety features by W. W. Sloan, Nantahala Power and Light company safety director, and Mrs. Florence Sherrill, county home demonstration agent, and a discussion of the heating problem at the Franklin school were highlights of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association meeting at the Franklin school Monday night.

Patrolman C. N. Byrd, who was slated to appear on the program, was not present since all Western North Carolina patrolmen had been alerted to take part in the nationwide hunt for William E. Cook, a desperado reported to have been seen in this area. The man was captured in Mexico Monday.

Discussion of the heating problem at the Franklin school was introduced when the minutes of the executive committee meeting of the association were read. It had been decided previously to bring the matter before the group for any comments or suggestions it might have concerning the matter.

Bob Sloan, member of the county board of education, who was present at the meeting, said that new equipment could not be obtained this year and he felt that janitors were getting the best results possible with the equipment they had to work with. Later in the discussion he commented that the blame for the heating situation should be placed on the Board of Education and the county superintendent for not providing adequate heating facilities before cold weather. He added that the present heating plant was too small.

Guy Sutton, principal of Franklin High school, said the only solution he knew of was to move into the new building as soon as possible.

Roy Biddle, P. T. A. member, pointed out that some better heating results might be obtained by insulating the furnace. He said also that in his opinion, the heating plant was too small for the job.

Paul Russell, P. T. A. treasurer, made the suggestion that the executive committee consider asking the Board of Education if anything could be done on the matter and if possible consult with heating authorities

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### Brendle Listed As Missing In Korean Action

Sgt. Furman Brendle, of the Watauga community, has been missing in action in Korea since December 2, according to a telegram from the Department of Defense.

The message was received Sunday by his wife, Mrs. Viola Bailey Brendle. The last word she had received from her husband was in November.

Sgt. Brendle was a member of General MacArthur's command and has been in service about six years. His last visit home was in April, 1950, when he was granted a 60-day furlough because of the illness of his two-year-old child.

He is the son of Mrs. Lula Brendle and the late Matthew Brendle, Jr. A brother, Pfc. Thomas Brendle, was drowned in a river at Fort Benning, Ga., while on maneuvers during World War II.

Mrs. Brendle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey, of the Watauga community, is serving as a nurse's aid at Angel clinic here.

### Franklin Girls Lose To Sylva; Boys Win

The Sylva girls, led by high-scoring forward Mary Worley who dumped in four points in the last minute of play, squeezed out a 48 to 43 win over the Franklin High girls here Tuesday night.

The game couldn't have been more thrilling if it had been played in Madison Square Garden. The two teams battled neck and neck for most of the game, and Franklin trailed by only two points, 23 to 21 at half-time.

Hook artist Worley and Franklin's Birdie Sue Carpenter filled the air with assorted shots and when the whistle blew the two young ladies had tied for high scoring honors with 26 points apiece.

Sylva's Patsy Parris was second high with 21. Local runners were Shirley Dean and Jean Duvall who found the bucket for 7 points each.

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### BLOODMOBILE TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK

Quota, 165 Pints Will Be Flown To Men In Korea

A Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Franklin Presbyterian church next Thursday from 2 p. m. to 7 p. m. to accept blood from Macon County donors, Mrs. J. Ward Long, executive secretary of the county Red Cross chapter, announced this week.

Macon's quota will be 165 pints of blood. The life-giving fluid will be rushed to the fighting front in Korea by special plane, she said, or to other areas where American troops are guarding the freedom of the country.

Frank Plyler, commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, is in charge of advance arrangements of the bloodmobile collection here.

Letters, urging Macon County citizens to "save the life of a serviceman", have already been mailed by the veteran's organization, Mr. Plyler said. Enclosed in each letter is a postal card for the convenience of donors who would like to make an appointment with the bloodmobile at a specific time during the afternoon it is here.

Mr. Plyler urged that the appointment cards be filled out and returned at once, in order that the scheduling of donors may be completed as rapidly as possible.

"By spending a minute on the card and another twenty minutes on January 25 at the blood center, the life of one of our servicemen may be saved," he said.

Pointing out that it would be impossible for the local post to reach everyone in the county by mail, the commander urged every Macon County citizen who did not receive a letter to make an appointment at the local Red Cross office in the Bank of Franklin building.

"Time is short," Mr. Plyler said, "and I am sure that not one of us has to be reminded that blood for treatment of our wounded is in critically short supply. Through the Red Cross we can now take an active part in seeing to it that the boys have an adequate supply of whole blood and plasma."

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### Vitamins Requested To Replace Meat Mailed; Destination . . . Yugoslavia!

A package, mailed from Angel's Drug store, containing vitamin pills and calcium tablets, will soon begin its journey across the Atlantic. Destination . . . Yugoslavia.

By far one of the strangest prescriptions filled by the local pharmacy, it came from Col. D. Grant Wilson, a military attaché in Marshal Tito's country. The colonel owns a summer home at Arrowood and he and his family were here in the fall.

T. W. Angel, owner of the drug store, received the request for vitamins and calcium by mail last week, the colonel explaining that they were needed to supplement the diet's of his

### Rep. Bryson Seeks To Raise Jury Pay

\$6,921 Check Allotted To This County

A check for \$6,921.55 will soon be received here, Macon County's share of the \$63,635.16 in gross receipts from the Pisgah and Nantahala National forests for the 1950 fiscal year, E. W. Renshaw, Nantahala forest supervisor, announced this week.

Macon's share was the largest of 25 counties in the state eligible for a share of the forests' receipts. The money is divided each year among the counties in which national forest acreage lies, the supervisor explained.

This county received the largest amount because more acreage lies within its boundaries than in any of the other counties. Approximately 147,290 acres of the Nantahala forest lie within Macon County, he said.

The money is earmarked for use on schools and roads within the respective counties. Transylvania county received the second highest amount. Both the Pisgah and Nantahala forests extend within the county's boundaries. From the two forests, Transylvania received a total of \$6,479.14. Approximately 4,850 acres of Nantahala forest land is within the county, and 82,087 acres of Pisgah forest.

The check for \$63,635.16 represented an earning by the two national forests, Mr. Renshaw pointed out, and the 25 counties annually profit by a return of twenty-five per cent of gross receipts of the preceding year. This fourth of receipts, he said, is returnable through the state treasury, and the money is apportioned to the counties.

Approximate amounts for other counties within the Nantahala forest are as follows: Cherokee, \$3,648, Clay, \$2,683, Graham, \$4,912, Jackson, \$1,297, Swain, \$459.

Aside from the cash returns, counties benefit from an additional ten per cent gross receipts returned to the forests for road construction and maintenance.

"It is gratifying that both timber production work, accounting for this revenue, and road work resulting from it, are increasing employment in these counties measurably," Mr. Renshaw added.

### Dairies Rated 'Grade A' Concerns By Sanitation

The Nantahala Creamery and Addington's dairy, Macon County's two dairy concerns that retail milk, were given grade "A" ratings for the six months grading period ending December 31, 1950, H. T. Collins, district health department sanitarian, announced this week.

The creamery was given an "A" certificate for pasteurized milk and the dairy received one for raw milk, he said.

In making the announcement, the district sanitarian pointed out that Macon County also has 32 Grade "A" dairies producing milk for pasteurization.

Under the milk ordinance, the health department is required to publicly announce the ratings of distributors selling direct to customers twice each year.

### Two Young Daughters, Sonyra, 10, and Bridget, 4

A withering drought, a tightening of defenses, and an off-brand of Communism in the country probably prompted Colonel Wilson's request, because, coining a World War II saying, "things are tough all over," especially in Yugoslavia!

"Could you send me some calcium tablets . . . to replace the lack of milk . . . also some B-1 vitamins to supplement the shortage of meat?" Colonel Wilson asked. "A six months' supply is what I need . . ."

Things probably are tough in Yugoslavia, especially if a military attaché has to send home for things.

### Submits Bill Calling For Boost In Macon Jury Pay

(The following story is a special dispatch from Weimar Jones, Franklin Press editor, who is spending the week in Raleigh at the legislature.)

RALEIGH, Jan. 18.—Rep. C. Tom Bryson yesterday introduced local legislation to raise the pay of Macon County jurors.

The present law fixes compensation of Macon jurors at \$2 per day. Mr. Bryson's bill would set jurors' pay at not less than \$4 nor more than \$5 per day. It would be left to the discretion of the county commissioners whether to make the pay the minimum or the maximum, or an amount between.

The measure was the third offered in the lower house by Mr. Bryson. He and Rep. Yates,

The talk in political circles here is that Rep. Monroe M. Redden will not be a candidate to succeed himself at the end of his present second term. Sources close to the congressman are quoted as saying that he definitely will not run for reelection to Congress.

Roy Taylor, member of the Buncombe delegation in the General Assembly, is one of those mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate next year.

of Haywood County, introduced a statewide measure Monday to increase the amount paid by the state to school bus drivers from \$20 to \$25 per month. The total cost to the state is estimated at \$176,000 per year.

The amount paid by the state is supplemented by the counties, and Mr. Bryson said he has in mind a local bill to increase the supplement paid by Macon County.

The Macon representative's third measure, introduced Tuesday, provides for a constitutional amendment to cut down the personal property exemption. At present, before a judgment for a debt can be collected, a personal property exemption of \$500 is provided. Mr. Bryson's proposal would reduce that to \$300.

Although he is a "freshman" member of the state senate, Senator R. S. Jones, of the 33rd district, has been given assignments to nine important legislative committees and appointments as vice-chairman of one committee.

Mr. Jones is on the important committee on Finance and Judiciary No. 2, and is vice-chairman of the committee on Public Buildings and Grounds. Other senate committees on which he is serving are Counties, Cities and Towns, which handles all local legislation, Constitutional Amendments, General Statutes, Justices of the Peace, Salaries and Fees, and Teachers and State Employees' Retirement.

Representative Bryson's committee appointments in the lower house are Engrossed Bills, Congressional Districts, Salaries and Fees, Mental Institutions, Wildlife Resources, Education, Public Welfare, Printing, and Appropriations.

Senator Jones and Representative Bryson plan to visit in Franklin over the week-end.

### JR. WOMAN'S CLUB MEET

The Junior Woman's club will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Agricultural building, it has been announced.

Associate hostesses will be Mrs. M. W. Chapman, Mrs. Tom Jenkins, and Miss Frances Barr.

### The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pet.
Wednesday	49	13	00
Thursday	51	31	02
Friday	37	15	00
Saturday	42	24	23
Sunday	51	37	09
Monday	44	37	153
Tuesday	50	28	0*
Wednesday	44	17	00

Franklin Rainfall  
(As recorded by Macon Office for TVA)  
Wednesday, none; Thursday, 1/4 inch snow; Friday, none; Saturday, .05 of an inch; Sunday, .18; Monday, .30; Tuesday, 2/8 inch snow; Wednesday, none.