

SEEN and HEARD

DOWN STATE

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Like many Macon County people, I am inclined to be a stay-at-home. As a result, when I do take a little trip somewhere, I am likely to be impressed by much that I see and hear.

Following are a few impressions gained while spending last week down state:

The person who hasn't been in a city for a few weeks today is struck, almost at once, by the visible evidence of the military situation—uniforms everywhere. I was impressed by that in Asheville, more impressed by it in Greensboro, and still more impressed by it in Raleigh, which is next door to Fort Bragg. Then, in Chapel Hill, there were almost no uniforms at all.

That doesn't mean that the Korean war hasn't affected the big university there. Quite the contrary. More than 800 of that institution's students entered the armed forces during the Christmas holidays. And enlistments continue at such a rapid rate that Fred Weaver, dean of students, told me that nobody knows, one day, what the enrollment will be the next.

The same sort of thing is happening, of course, at men's colleges everywhere; thus these institutions which, only a short time ago were struggling with the problem of student bodies that overflowed into trailer camps for miles around, now face the task of constant adjustment to a rapidly dwindling enrollment.

The plight of the fraternities serves to illustrate what is happening in every phase of college administration. Many fraternity men both room and take their meals at the fraternity houses. That means cooks, janitors, and other items of expense that tend to remain fixed. When the fraternities lose, as one of them has, more than one-fourth of their members in a few weeks, the pro rata cost of operating the fraternity house soars. That not only creates a financial problem for the members; it means the cost of belonging to a fraternity becomes so high that it is difficult to get new members.

The most interesting event during my stay in Raleigh was the joint session of the general assembly in observance of the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of North Carolina's great educational governor, Charles Brantley Aycock.

The program was impressive in itself, but what made it extraordinary was the participation of what might be called several generations of North Carolina political leaders. Among those taking part were four governors: W. Kerr Scott, the present executive, who is only 54 years of age; R. Gregg Cherry, who served from 1945 to 1949, and who now is 69; Senator Clyde R. Hoey, who was governor from 1937 to 1941, now 73 years of age; and Cameron Morrison, who was governor during this state's first good roads programs, 1921 to 1925, and who now is 81.

Also appearing on the program was Dr. J. Y. Joyner, now 88. Dr. Joyner, Charles D. McIver, and Edwin A. Alderman were Aycock's chief lieutenants in his historic crusade that started North Carolina on its educational march upward. Dr. Joyner was state superintendent of public instruction from 1902 to 1919; it was during the decade, 1901 through 1910, that an average of one new school house was built in North Carolina every day. When Dr. Joyner took office, there still were 200 log schools in the state, and all the public high schools in North Carolina boasted a total enrollment of only 200 students.

Governor Morrison just about stole the show. Morrison, it will

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Fellowship Meeting Of Church Of God

A fellowship meeting will be held at the Cartoogechays Church of God tomorrow (Friday) night. It has been announced. Following the service a supper will be served at the parsonage.

Preinduction Exams For 95 Macon Youths This Week

A total of 95 Macon County men will be sent to Charlotte within the next week for pre-induction examinations, preliminary to induction into the army, the local draft board announced this week.

A call for 55 men was received this week, and a notice to send 40 men arrived in December. The 55 man call is the largest order since the board was reactivated in July.

The first group, 40 men, will leave for Charlotte tomorrow (Friday) morning at 8:15 by special bus, and the second draft will leave on the following Friday, February 2.

Previous calls have numbered as high as 30 men, but the two latest constitute a new high for this county.

The two calls will boost the number of men ordered to report for pre-induction examinations to 205.

37 Air Force Enlistees To Leave Soon

Crowded conditions are easing up somewhat so Macon County's 37 air force enlistees will start leaving for camp soon, Cpl. Clay Hensley, air force and army recruiter, said this week.

Beginning February 1, he said, the men will be sent out at the rate of "one or two a week." Men who made the highest scores on the air force entrance examination will be the first to leave. Tommy Angel and Lyman Gregory, two of the 37 volunteers, made perfect scores on the examination, the corporal said, and both will probably be shipped out next week.

Present schedules call for the admission of 1,200 recruits daily at Lackland Field, Texas, and 300 daily at the Sampson, N. Y. air training base, which is to be opened soon.

However, the recruiter said that the New York field still has not been ready to accept enlistees, but indicated that the field probably will be ready for use sometime in February.

Until the base is opened, he said Macon enlistees will continue to be shipped out on a "quota basis" of about one or two a week.

Recruiting was halted temporarily when Lackland Field, where most air force enlistees are sent for training, was taxed to capacity.

Since enlistments here were temporarily "frozen" Corporal Hensley said an additional 30 men have applied for duty with the air force but have not been accepted.

"As soon as the New York base is opened," he said, "and there is room for them, the men will be given examinations to determine whether or not they are qualified."

Demonstration Club Council To Meet Monday

The Macon County council of home demonstration clubs will hold its first 1951 meeting at the Agricultural building Monday at 1:30 p. m.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Ralph Bradley, president, who will hold a "Parliamentary Drill" with new presidents of the various home demonstration groups. A workshop for members will also be held, with county council officers in charge.

Mrs. Jack Cabe, vice-president, will outline plans for a membership drive with vice-presidents of the county's demonstration clubs. Mrs. Dan Reynolds, secretary, and Mrs. Charlie Houston, treasurer, will meet with the secretaries and treasurers of the clubs.

The devotional will be given by Mrs. Lease Bryson.

Sunday Services For Franklin Methodist Circuit Announced

The Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, has announced the hour of Sunday services at circuit churches.

Louis Methodist at 10 a. m., Iotia at 11 a. m., and Snow Hill at 7:30 p. m.

ROTATION BILL SUBMITTED TO LEGISLATURE

Provides For Rotation Of Candidates In 33rd District

A bill to provide for the rotation of Democratic candidates for the state Senate among the five Western North Carolina counties of the 33rd senatorial district has been introduced by Rep. H. M. Moore, of Clay county.

The bill was referred to the house committee on elections and election laws.

The senatorial district is made up of Graham, Clay, Swain, Cherokee, and Macon counties.

The bill calls for the nomination of candidates as follows: Graham in 1952, Clay in 1954, Swain in 1956, Cherokee in 1958, and Macon in 1960. The same rotation order would apply among the counties after 1960.

The bill would require any qualified member of the Democratic party, who intends to file for candidacy for the Democratic senatorial nomination in the district, to file a notice of intention with the chairman of the Democratic executive committee of his county. Such notice would have to be filed not later than midnight of the 10th day preceding the date prescribed in the general primary laws for the filing of notice of candidacy for state senator.

If a candidate failed to file in the county entitled to the nomination, the bill would pass the opportunity of filing to the next county entitled to a candidate under the rotation system.

Auto License Deadline Close, Swafford Warns

Macon County motorists have less than a week in which to buy new license plates, Vernon Swafford, local manager of the Carolina Motor club, said this week, warning that the official deadline is January 31.

Sales of the "New Look" tags are well ahead of this time last year, he said, but pointed out that there are plenty of motorists who still have to get plates. Anyone driving a vehicle after the deadline without new plates, he warned, will be subject to arrest.

In a recent automobile registration survey, conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Macon County had 3,080 registered vehicles, placing the county 57th among North Carolina's 100 counties.

Mr. Huneycutt, Former Pastor Of Methodist Church To Preach Here

The Rev. W. J. Huneycutt will deliver the Sunday morning sermon at the Franklin Methodist church, the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor, announced this week.

Mr. Huneycutt is a former pastor of the Methodist church here, and is now district superintendent of the Waynesville district of the Western North Carolina conference of Methodist churches.

All members and friends are urged to attend the service.

Cullasaja PTA Rummage Sale Set For Saturday

A rummage sale, sponsored by the Cullasaja Parent-Teacher association, will begin Saturday morning on Main street at 9 o'clock, it has been announced.

The proceeds will be used to help pay for a new refrigerator, purchased by the association for Cullasaja school.

Plans for a Valentine party February 10 at the school were also announced, and the proceeds from the night's festivities will be applied to the refrigerator fund.

CRAWFORD PROMOTED

George R. Crawford, Macon County soldier serving with the army on Okinawa, was recently promoted to corporal, it has been learned.

WILL SING HERE



JOSEPHINE CUNNINGHAM

Miss Cunningham will appear as vocal soloist with the N. C. Little Symphony orchestra when it plays in Franklin March 1. It will be the first time a vocalist has been heard here with the orchestra. Miss Cunningham, who, though she is only 19, made a guest appearance recently at the Julliard School of Music, will sing three numbers at the evening performance here.

Jones' Bill Would Permit A 14th Juror

RALEIGH.—State Senator R. S. Jones yesterday (Wednesday) introduced a state-wide bill to authorize the selection of more than one additional juror for a court trial that promises to be protracted.

The present law permits the selection of a 13th juror, to sit with the regular jury of 12, and to take the place of one of the 12, in case one of the regular jurors should become incapacitated during a trial. The purpose of the law is to avoid the mistrials that sometimes occur when a juror becomes ill while a case was being tried.

Senator Jones' bill amends the present law to read "one or more" additional jurors. Under this measure, a 14th, or even a 15th, juror might be selected, in the discretion of the presiding judge, for a trial that was expected to be long drawn out.

The need for the change was indicated in the recent Shedd murder trial here, Mr. Jones explained.

In that trial, the man chosen as the 13th juror explained that he occasionally suffered from an ailment which, should it develop during the trial, would incapacitate him. He was selected, nevertheless, since a jury of 12 already had been chosen, and his incapacitation would not affect the trial.

During the trial, however, one of the 12 regular jurors became ill, and that circumstance called to the attention of the court officials what would have happened—a mistrial—had the 13th juror become incapacitated from his malady, either before or after the other juror, one of the 12 regular members of the body, became ill.

Mr. Jones' bill is designed to provide for such an eventuality.

Mr. Murray To Hold Church Class Tonight

The Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, will hold a class on "The Meaning of the Christian Life and Church Membership" at the church tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock.

The class is especially designed, he said, for junior and intermediate children. He will be assisted by Mrs. Guy Shantz. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

SHEDD TO DIE

Curtis Shedd, the Waihalla, S. C. triple slayer who was convicted and sentenced to death by a Jackson county jury during the December term of superior court here, is supposed to enter the gas chamber at state prison sometime tomorrow (Friday). He was sentenced to die January 26.

\$3,000 Macon's Goal In 1951 March Of Dimes Polio Drive

C. OF C. ANNUAL DINNER MEETING SET FOR FEB. 16

Heazel Will Be Guest Speaker; Directors To Be Announced

Francis J. Heazel, prominent Asheville attorney and Western North Carolina civic leader, will be principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce February 16.

The meeting, originally set for January 19, was postponed when Mr. Heazel found it would be impossible for him to be in Franklin on that date.

The dinner session is set for 7 p. m., and will be held at the Slagle Memorial building.

Announcement of the place and the new date for the event was made this week by Claude Bolton, Chamber president.

The Franklin Rotary and Lions clubs have been invited to meet with the chamber of commerce, substituting that meeting for their regular sessions. Mr. Bolton said, explaining that members of those two organizations may make their reservations at the next meetings of the clubs.

URGE MEMBERS TO VOTE

Members of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce who have not already done so are requested to mail their ballots, in the election of directors for the coming year, immediately. Blank ballots were forwarded to all members some time ago, but such a large proportion of the membership has not voted so far that Chamber officials this week postponed until January 30 counting the ballots. It is important that every member vote in this mail election, it was pointed out, so that the directors elected may feel that they are the choice of the entire membership, and have the support of the community.

Members of the chamber have been sent reservation cards, which they are requested to return as promptly as possible. Non-members who wish to attend the dinner are requested to telephone Mrs. Howard Barnard, secretary, at 140 or 80.

It will be the second time that the Asheville man has addressed the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

In 1946, Mr. Heazel, who was at that time president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker at the local chamber of commerce dinner meeting.

He was the first person in Western North Carolina to be appointed Knight of the Order of St. Gregory for his outstanding work with the Catholic church. The appointment was made in 1938 by Pope Pius XI, and Mr. Heazel was the fourth person in the state to receive the honor. In 1946 he was raised to the rank of Knight Commander by Pope Pius XII.

Well known as a civic leader, he was one of the first in 1938 to advocate using the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway as prosperity bringers for this area, in addition to providing others a chance to visit the mountains with all of their scenic wonders.

At the dinner meeting members of the board of directors for the coming year, who were chosen recently by the organization in a mail election, will be announced, Mr. Bolton said.

The board will in turn elect officers for the coming year.

Local Basketballers Roll Over Murphy Hi

The Franklin High basketballers took a twin bill from Murphy High in Murphy Tuesday night, the boys winning 49 to 30 and the girls, 26 to 14.

Center Jack Norton paced the male quint to a win with 30 points, and Birdie Sue Carpenter led the lassies to victory with 16. Shirley Dean followed in second place with nine talleys.

BLOODMOBILE DONATIONS FALL SHORT OF MARK

Macon's Quota 165 Pints Only 80 Sign To Give

Only about 80 persons have signed for appointments to give blood when the Bloodmobile arrives here this afternoon. Macon County's quota is 165 pints of the life-giving fluid, which is to be flown to the fighting front in Korea.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Franklin Presbyterian church today (Thursday) from 1:30 to 7 p. m.

Mrs. J. Ward Long, executive secretary of the county Red Cross chapter, pointing out the small number of donors who have signed to give blood, urged every Macon County citizen, man, woman, or child, to visit the bloodmobile and donate "to save the life of a serviceman."

Frank Plyler, commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, who is in charge of the bloodmobile collection, said, "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.

"Macon County has never failed to go over the top in any drive," he declared, "and I am sure that we will make the quota."

Appointments to donate blood can be made at the Red Cross office in the Bank of Franklin building.

Press Wins 2nd Place In Contest

The Franklin Press was awarded second place among North Carolina weeklies for editorial page excellence, when results of the N. C. Press association's 1950 contests were announced at last week's annual state newspaper institute.

The awards, made to winners in the daily, semi-weekly, and weekly divisions, were presented by Governor Scott at the Duke dinner at Duke university last Friday evening. The three-day institute is held each January at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Duke university, Durham.

The weeklies and semi-weeklies were judged by the school of journalism of Washington and Lee university, Lexington, Va. The judges studied the papers over a three-month period, October 1 to December 31, and on a basis of that study selected the newspapers adjudged to have the best news coverage, the best feature stories, and the best editorial pages.

In the editorial page division, the judges considered not only the newspapers' own editorials, but the entire editorial page, both as to content and arrangement.

First place among the weeklies in this division went to the Kings Mountain Herald, second to The Press, and third to the Northampton County News. The Marion Progress, the Valdese News, and the Mount Airy News were given special mention.

Other winners in the mountain region were:

Forest City Courier, second place in local news coverage; Transylvania Times and Valdese News, special mentions in local news coverage; Skyland Post

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The Weather

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

	Max.	Min.	Pct.
Wednesday	58	17	...
Thursday	51	34	42
Friday	63	34	13
Saturday	68	40	.68
Sunday	46	32	...
Monday	43	12	trace
Tuesday	44	22	.18
Wednesday	...	29	...

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Macon Office for TVA)

Wednesday, none; Thursday, trace; Friday, .36 of an inch; Saturday, none; Sunday, .26; Monday, none; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, .16.