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Miss Kelly Picked Group For N. C. Honor

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, a woman who became an educator, honored by Delta Kappa Gamma national teachers' organization, was one of four (North) Carolina members of a committee in a list of American women whose biographies are to be published by Delta Kappa Gamma.

Of the four nominated, two were to be selected by vote of the chapters of the organization in this state, and in the vote Miss Kelly's name led. In sec-

ond place was Miss Harriet Elliott, long-time dean of Woman's college, Greensboro.

The announcement was made by Miss Cordelia Camp, formerly of Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, who was chairman of the state committee on Pioneer Women of Delta Kappa Gamma that made the nominations.

The book, to contain the biographies of two outstanding women from each of the states, is to be published next summer.

Miss Kelly, a native of Macon County, was a sister of Miss Lassie Kelly, of Franklin.

Plane Here That Lands in Pasture

A purpose airplane has landed to the Macon County's fleet at the Franklin airport.

The ship, a 125-horsepower Cub, equipped with a motor for short take-offs, is designed for crop dusting and, according to W. H. Houghby, airport manager, will be ideal for use in almost inaccessible areas.

The plane landed on small pastures at 40 miles an hour. A small ship can fly approximately 100 to 600 feet.

Local veterinarians will utilize the plane for calls at and surrounding areas.

NEW YEAR GETS NOISY WELCOME

Bumpy Path Lies Behind As Weary Old 1951 Makes Its Exit

Baby 1952 marched cockily into Macon County about 12:01 a. m. Tuesday, waved flippantly at the weary retreating figure of Old Man 1951, and then bowed as midnight revelers heralded his arrival.

Just what is in store for the scantily-clad babe of some three days' experience remains to be seen—but his predecessor had his hands full.

Unperturbed, Maconites nevertheless gave the new year a rousing welcome, with firecrackers, fire sirens, blaring horns, watch night church services, and square dances. Many, however, were sound asleep, explaining the following morning that "in these times, every day is like a new year."

Behind old 1951 lay a bumpy path, pock-marked by another year of out-of-war in Korea (somewhat brighter with the recently release of prisoner-of-war lists and hopes of an armistice); tragic mass deaths in airplane crashes, train wrecks, and mine explosions; America's millionth traffic death; and a host of other ill happenings.

But the sun shone brightly for the old gentleman at times, as Americans took the world tensions in stride: Business was good and football games held the spotlight. It was a pretty fair year!

Thus Baby 1952 is here, but he is expected to age rather rapidly. His first contributions? Inventory and income taxes!

Southard Of Macon, Dies At Cornelia

William Henry Southard, an 81-year-old Macon County native who had lived in Habersham County, Ga., for the past 27 years, died at his home in Cornelia, Ga., last Thursday after a long illness.

Services were conducted the following day by the Rev. C. C. Clett at the Cornelia Methodist church, of which Mr. Southard was a member. Burial was in the Level Grove cemetery there.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Florence Battles Southard; five daughters, Mrs. T. A. Wington, of Anderson, S. C., Mrs. W. C. Carpenter, of Franklin, Mrs. Arthur Tench, of Cornelia, Ga., Mrs. H. N. Highfill, of Winter Haven, Fla., and Mrs. Pearl Southard, of Anderson, S. C.; three sons, Elmer, of Abbeville, S. C., Don, of Anderson, S. C., and Boyd Southard, of Cornelia, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. George Sanders and Mrs. Ed Battles, both of Franklin; three brothers, Tom Southard, Charles Southard, and Bob Southard, all of Franklin; and 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Stockholders Of Bank To Name Board Monday

Stockholders of the Bank of Franklin will meet Wednesday to elect a board of directors for the coming year. It was announced this week. The session is set for 11 a. m.

BAIRD HOME Cpl. C. D. Baird, Franklin's police chief, who was recalled to duty with the army, was one of many spending Christmas in Wood, Mo.

Sooner or later, almost every out-of-county visitor here will remark about the absence of Negroes in Macon County.

The fact is, Negroes account for only about one-eighth of the county's total population of more than 16,000. This one-sided relationship between whites and Negroes, in a Southern community, naturally draws attention.

The bulk of the small Negro population in Macon lives in and around Franklin. They have their own settlements, churches, and school. The majority are laborers and farmers. Many have their own homes and automobiles. Most are natives of the county.

And they take an active interest in community affairs. This fact is borne out by this year's Franklin Garden club-sponsored outdoor Christmas decoration contest. First place in the community contest went to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hines for a nativity scene, set up in their garage with the assistance of Negro children from the white Mr. Hines

Annies Old, Tired, Turns Toes To Sky

"Agonizing Annie" this week was at the point of death.

Whether blood transfusions and other extreme measures might, in time, revive her for a decrepit old age remained to be seen. For the time being, however, she was "out."

Annie is the much-mended ancient newspaper press which, since the memory of man "runneth not to the contrary", has been printing The Franklin Press.

This week Annie, lying flat on her back, turned her four feet toward heaven, gave a long sigh. Since then it has been difficult to tell whether she still breathed.

A little while before she had tossed cog teeth in every direction.

As a result of this critical illness of a key member of The Press family, this week's issue of The Press had to be printed in Sylva, through the courtesy of the Sylva Herald.

It was not possible, however, for the Herald to print the Macon County paper until Thursday morning. That explains why Press readers get this week's edition 24 hours later than usual.

RETURNS TO DUTY

Pfc. Doyle Painter, Jr., Monday returned to Sheppard Air Force base, Wichita Falls, Tex., where he is attending mechanic's school, after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Painter, of Franklin, Route 4. He enlisted in the air force in June, 1951, and received basic training at Lackland Air Force base, San Antonio, Tex., before assignment to Sheppard field.

Negroes Form Only Eightieth Of Macon County's Population

School records for 1950-51 show that the average school dollar spent per child was higher for the Negroes than the whites. For the year, \$122.43 was spent per Negro child, and \$111.37 per white.

Plans call for the construction of a new school for Macon's Negro children sometimes in the near future.

The present school, a three classroom structure located about a mile west of Franklin, had an average daily attendance of 67 during the year 1950-51. A total of 89 children—54 boys and 35 girls—of school age were living in the county last year, and of that number, 76 were enrolled in the local school, which goes only through the eighth grade. High school students attend school in Sylva. At Chapel school, one of the total were between the ages of seven and 15, and 58 over 15.

Two school districts operate 24 miles each school. The children to

TOWN ACCEPTS BID OF \$2,991 FOR WELL PUMP

Charlotte Concern Gets Contract To Install Machinery

A Charlotte company's bid of \$2,991.70 for a pump for Franklin's new well was accepted by the board of aldermen at a special session Monday night.

Bids were opened at a called session Saturday afternoon, but a decision was postponed until Monday night, while the proposals were studied.

The low bid, submitted by the Pump and Lighting Company, Inc., of Charlotte, includes the installation of the pump, but does not include electrical wiring or a concrete base on which to mount the pump. The wiring and the base probably will be contracted locally, aldermen said.

Other bidders included the Virginia Supply and Well company, the concern that drilled the new well, A. B. Clark company, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Tidewater Supply Company, Inc., of Asheville.

Bids were narrowed down at Saturday's session to those of the Charlotte concern and the Virginia Supply and Well company. Water Superintendent Herman Childers and Alderman Frank Martin were directed to study the two proposals and determine which was the more suitable.

The new well is expected to be in operation in the spring, according to town officials.

Vice-mayor Verlon Swafford presided at the two sessions in the absence of Mayor Robert M. Dillard, who is ill at his home, after suffering a series of heart attacks 10 days ago.

The board's next regular session will be next Monday night.

McSwain Named 1952 Chairman Of Polio Drive

Holland McSwain will head this year's March of Dimes drive in Macon County. He expects to get the polio fund campaign under way January 14. Mr. McSwain said Wednesday that he plans to conduct the drive through a county-wide organization, appointing a chairman in each of Macon's 13 communities.

FIGURES SHOW LIBRARY WORK Serving 45,359 Persons, It Circulates 146,600 Volumes During Year

During the year 1950-51, the Fontana Regional library bookmobile traveled 12,563 miles in Macon, Jackson, and Swain Counties, circulating 146,600 books, according to Miss Helen H. Kittrell, librarian.

The bookmobile, which serves some 45,359 persons in the three-county area, made 1,079 visits to homes, stores, post offices, filling stations, and schools during the year.

Expenditures for the year, Miss Kittrell said, totaled \$11,226.99. Of the amount, three-fourths came from state aid funds appropriated by the legislature to stimulate and promote library service, and the remainder through county appropriations and gifts.

On the basis of this, the bookmobile service cost each citizen in the three counties approximately 25 cents, and of each quarter, county appropriations accounted for about six cents.

The regional library is administered by a board of nine, composed of citizens from each county, whose primary responsibility is securing funds for the operation of the service.

Board members include Miss Lassie Kelly, Henry W. Cabe, and Judge George Patton, of Macon County; Mrs. Harry Hastings, T. W. Ashe, board chairman, and R. U. Sutton, of Jackson County; and Miss Mary Long, Mrs. S. W. Black, and E. B. Whitaker, of Swain County.

Since the regional library has only some 16,000 books, the record "circulation" figure of 146,600 seems out of proportion.

Miss Kittrell gave the following explanation of "circulated":

"With that circulation record, this means that every book, of the almost 16,000 in the library collection, went out over nine times. Of course, actually what happened, some of the books went out over 90 times while others less readable probably did not circulate at all. When we say a book circulated, we mean that someone took that book to read."

Remarking that many think a library is mainly provided "to entertain women and children", the librarian disapproved the statement by pointing out that readers checked out books covering such subjects as minerals of North Carolina, house plans, Bible stories, famous people, radio, recipes, snakes, parliamentary procedure, games and parties, individual countries, how to play checkers, how to make slip covers, plumbing, child psychology.

Bill Cochran Dies In Blast In A

30 Needy Families Here Aided By Dime Board

The Lions club Christmas dime board made the Yule season a bit merrier for 30 needy families in Macon County.

The dime board was in operation the two Saturdays before Christmas, and proceeds were used to prepare baskets of staple goods, candy, nuts, and fruit—each basket valued at about \$10.

Four Jeeps and two pick-up trucks were used to deliver the baskets to the 30 families the Sunday before Christmas.

Two Lions committees were in charge of the project, the health and welfare committee, headed by Mac Whitaker, and the boys and girls committee, of which Harry Corbin is chairman.

Franklin Youth Is Of Mystery Booby At Mount Airy

William Homer Cochran, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cochran, of Franklin, was a mystery booby in a 9:30 p. m. explosion in a truck work.

Accidental explosion reported by a neighbor and your ped for

Folks Slow Buying '52 Auto Tags

An estimated 2,700 Macon County motorists still haven't purchased North Carolina 1952 license plates, and with the deadline less than a month away, a last-minute rush is expected at the local branch office of the Carolina Motor club, where the tag is on sale.

The official deadline is January 31. Verlon Swafford, local C. M. C. manager, this week urged motorists to buy new tags immediately and avoid the anticipated end-of-the-month confusion.

A comparison of figures shows that sales to date are below last year's. Monday sales totaled 875 tags, as compared with 1,039 for 1951 plates at the

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Calls Attention To Radio Program On Health Topics

A new radio program, "Our Community's Health", has been called to the attention of Macon County radio listeners by Dr. Carl C. Janowsky, district health officer.

The program, broadcast over WWNC (Asheville) every Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, is designed to bring a better understanding of health problems and to acquaint the listener with the health services and projects being carried on in the Asheville area, the doctor explained. Since all these services are not limited to persons living in the Asheville area, Dr. Janowsky pointed out that such information would be of value to citizens of this county.

A question-answer feature is a part of the program, he said, and listeners are invited to submit questions concerning health.

The program is sponsored by the Asheville and Buncombe County Health departments, in cooperation with the Buncombe County Medical society.

Doster Serving On Minesweeper In Korean Area

Seaman Charles E. Doster, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Doster, of Franklin, Route 2, currently is serving aboard the auxiliary minesweeper USS Heron, in the Far East, according to a navy announcement.

Seaman Doster entered the service November 3, 1950. Prior to that time, he attended Franklin High school.

The Heron has been engaged in minesweeping operations and the blockade of the Korean coast line since her arrival in Far Eastern waters, the announcement said.

MILLION SPENT ON ROADS

The amount of secondary road bond funds expended in Macon County through November 30, 1951, was \$1,000,000, according to a report by the highway systems engineer.



MACON SOLDIER STUDIES ORDER (center), sergeant first class, son of W. H. Hines, of Franklin, Route 2, is about company headquarters in Korea, studying from their commander. The sergeant is the 2nd "Buckeye" regiment, Pfc. Andrew Clark (left), of Brashear, was, or tonight.