

MAKIN' MACON
Sports Rounds

By J. P. BRADY

Lo, the scoreboard cometh! Yep, this much hollered about electric scoreboard and clock for the bare wall at the Franklin High gym is on its way—partially paid for. When this column's efforts to raise enough of the ol' currency to buy the board sank lower than a coal miner's fallen arches, the high school took up the cry, offered to back the deal with maybe a benefit ball game or something of the kind, and ordered the electrical marvel, C. O. D.—and brethren, that ain't a fish. I had a grandmother, once removed, who used to say, "always live within your means, even if you have to borrow money to do it", and that is just about what had to be done to get the scoreboard.

Consequently, we are still welcoming all donations for the deal, with open hands. Incidentally, the school plans to sell some advertising space on the scoreboard, so if any of you merchants or businessmen would like to have your firm's moniker constantly before the public,

Sheriff Offers Full Cooperation In Crime Probe

Organized crime and rackets in 26 Western North Carolina counties, including Macon, will be investigated by a special grand jury at an early date, according to an announcement by U. S. Attorney T. A. Uzell, of Asheville.

The special jury is expected to be selected soon. Sessions, dealing with all phases of crime in the western district, probably will be held in Asheville and Charlotte.

Macon Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said Tuesday that the grand jury will have the full cooperation of his office, in the event of an investigation here.

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Attention, Judge W. F. Harding called attention to the fact that a similar report had been made by a grand jury "when he held court here 10 years ago (1916), and five years ago", according to an account appearing in The Press. Also at that session, the article continued, Judge Harding characterized the courthouse as "dirty" and the jail as inadequate. In the same year, at the December term, the cry welled up again—"we need a new courthouse".

Building Condemned

The years passed, marked by still more build-a-new-courthouse recommendations, until 1936, and the condemning of the building, which resulted in an order for the indictment of officials unless immediate steps were taken. It was August 3, when "a yellow placard posted at the doors of the Macon County courthouse announced to the world that the building was unsafe on account of decaying walls and roof and was a hazard in event of fire". Building Inspector Paul Potts nailed the

it might not be a bad idea to call the school and reserve a little space.

The new board should be up by the last of the week, so drop in at the high school gym on the night of the next game and watch the pretty lights and also a couple of top flight games.

Basketball is really beginning to spread around here and both Franklin High and Nantahala seem to have full schedules, each Tuesday and Friday night, from now until the annual Smoky conference tournament in March.

Get into the middle of the sport while the pot is still boiling and let's back these lads and lassies all the way through the tournament in this conference, and we hope, all the way to the celebrated Tournament of Champions in Asheville.

Four

Rather prematurely—but the weather justifies it—we want to turn to the ancient game of swatting a white sphere around the course. In society terms, this is known as golf, and this coming summer we want to see that game spread through Macon like wildfire.

Already we have been throwing out a few feelers, trying to see if there are enough golfers to hold another tournament. Last year's, even though there was a small field, was more fun than wading through an acre of dollar bills with glue on your feet.

If there is a tourney this year, and we hope there will be, we would suggest that the deal get under way some time in June and have the final playoffs in August. In this way, a lot of tourists—and we think they should be allowed to enter this year—would be able to slap down their qualifying fees, hit the links for the entering round, and get in on the fun.

So, let's start thinking about this tourney and pull out the old sticks for a few practice rounds before winter decides to set in on us again. The weather is just right.

placard on the courthouse door. Immediately after this action, the August term grand jury stepped out with "we find that the courthouse has been condemned by the state and city building inspector and demand that the state regulations be complied with at once".

At the November term, 1936, Judge Harding, a Press account reported, "took the county board of commissioners to task Tuesday for failing to carry out recommendations previously made by the grand jury for badly needed repairs and improvements to the courthouse..."

"He instructed Solicitor John M. Queen to prepare bills of indictment against the responsible officials if the recommendations have not been put into effect by the next term of court"

No Indictments

At the next term (April, 1937), the grand jury reported the courthouse "in good condition. The clerk of court's, register of deeds, and the sheriff's offices have been painted..." A check of court records and Franklin Press files this week failed to turn up any further mention of the judge's indictment order; the report that the courthouse was in good condition apparently closed the matter.

A large lot on West Main street was purchased by the county commissioners in 1937 as the site of a future new courthouse. It was sold by the county body in December, 1950, to the Nantahala Power and Light company for \$15,000. The commissioners made \$9,000 for the county through the re-sale of the lot, since the original purchase price to the county was \$6,000.

In June, 1941, hopes for a new combination courthouse and jail soared when the board of county commissioners began making plans for a special election to determine whether such a building was wanted. Reported The Franklin Press, "the time has come when the old landmark of the horse and buggy days must be abandoned and give way before the march of progress."

Plan Bond Issue

Architect's drawings of the proposed building were printed in The Press and interest was high.

The new structure was to be built for an estimated \$150,000 as a W. P. A. project. The expense to Macon County as sponsor of the project was not to exceed \$60,000.

In July of 1941, the commissioners made public the proposal and set September 2 as the day for a special election on the proposal to issue \$60,000 in bonds.

Macon's new courthouse stayed in the drawing stage. The proposal was defeated, 804 to 700, in an election in which a light vote was cast.

Leading the opposition were the Highlands, Cowee, and Burningtown townships, polling a combined total of 412 nays against 84 yeas Franklin township led the supporting forces with 370 votes.

Still Stands

Today, 1952, the 70-year-old landmark still weathers the storm.

However, almost any citizen of the county now will say that something should be done about the situation. This feeling, in turn, develops two ways.

There are those who strongly advocate the complete razing of the building and the erection of a new one on the present or another site; and those who think that a thorough renovation would do the trick for the present. A third group suggests the building of a new courthouse, but retaining and repairing the present structure for use as a community building or for some other public purpose.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Ora Berkman and daughter, Brenda, of Asheville, who have been visiting Mrs. Fred Cunningham on the Georgia

road, have joined Mr. Berkman, who was transferred to the post office department in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Matthews and Miss Jane Setser, of Atlanta, Ga., and Misses Mary and Agnes Setser, of Asheville, attended the Crawford-Setser

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