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COURT OPENS NEXT WEEK

Will Hold For Two Weeks—Interesting Civil and Criminal Cases on Docket.

The regular November term of Macon county Superior court will open here next Monday morning. Judge Thomas J. Shaw, of Greensboro, is slated to preside.

The term is for two weeks, and is for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. The first week and perhaps part of the second, it is expected, will be required to dispose of the criminal docket.

Interest throughout this county centers on charges against Charlie Oliver, township constable, and Raleigh Norris, either a deputy sheriff or an acting deputy, who were bound to Superior court some weeks ago, in connection with the shooting into of a car on the highway, about 10 miles from Franklin.

Occupants of the car were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shepherd and Cecil Holt. Holt was wounded, and spent some time in a local hospital recovering.

Oliver, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, and Norris, charged with an assault, were bound over on those charges by Justice of the Peace George Carpenter. They are at liberty under bonds of \$200 each. Charges brought by them against Shepherd and Holt were dismissed at the preliminary hearing.

A case of interest in Jackson county is that in which Fred Bryson and Will Breedlove are each charged with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The case grew out of a shooting in Jackson county during the election a year ago. When the case came up for trial at the last term of Jackson Superior court Judge W. F. Harding transferred it to this county for trial.

Among the civil cases on the calendar is that of Flora Elliott vs H. H. Mashburn. The plaintiff seeks \$10,000 damages, growing out of the arrest of her husband on a charge of stealing bees. The case against Elliott was dismissed.

Another is that of Chas. Kinstand vs Chas. Connor, et al, in which damages are sought as a result of the death of the plaintiff's son in a tunnel disaster in Graham county some months ago.

S. P. Ravenel is suing L. M. Pipkin for a tract of lands near Highlands. Bennie Thomas Hyatt seeks to have W. L. McCoy maintain a child, allegedly McCoy's.

And the case of Warren Booker vs the Town of Highlands will also come up. The evidence has been heard by James Mallonee, of Murphy, as referee, and his report will be made at this term of court, and action taken.

Three divorce cases are on the civil docket.

LOCAL MAN MAKES GOOD GRADES

The Rexall Advantages, one of the leading pharmacists magazines published in the United States, carries in its last issue the grades made by fifty seven students who are taking the extension course of Boston University in drug store management. This course is made possible by the United Drug company and the fees are nominal. Out of the fifty-seven taking the course, Dr. Fleet Scroggs, of Franklin, heads the list with a general average of 96.

Alleged Rum Runners Escape

Officers Tuesday about noon gave chase—unsuccessfully—to an alleged rum running car.

The car, containing two men, and believed by the officers to be heavily loaded with liquor, was a Dodge. The officers drove a Chrysler.

The alleged runners passed through Franklin, going toward Asheville, and Deputy Frank Norton and Constable Charlie Oliver immediately gave chase. They overtook the quarry going up this side of Cowee Mountain, the officers said, but the driver of the other car "held the road," and the officers were unable to stop the men being pursued, who, having gained the top of the mountain, passed into Jackson county.

The race up the mountain was at a rate of speed approximating 45 miles an hour, it was stated.

SHOWER FOR MRS. CRAWFORD

The many friends of Mrs. Mysel Crawford up on Cartoogechaye recently gave her a shower at which she received many valuable gifts to replace in part her losses in the fire that burned the Presbyterian manse Monday of last week.

North Skeenah News

A large bell has been installed in Pleasant Hill church.

The Sunday school is progressing nicely under the leadership of Mr. E. L. DeHart. Let's everybody come and carry the good work on. Prayer service every Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown and children of Dillard, Ga., were calling on Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carpenter Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bertha Carpenter of Dillard, Ga., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carpenter Sunday.

Mr. Freeman Hastings and family were visiting his parents Sunday.

Miss Minnie Sanders, accompanied by Miss Maebelle Raby, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sanders.

Prof. Billings visited the school Friday and gave test to the 6th and 7th grades.

Mr. J. L. Sanders has purchased a tractor and is having quite a lot of turning done.

Mr. George Kimzey made a business trip to Franklin Wednesday.

Mrs. Emma Ledford, who is on the sick, list is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. DeHart and family were visiting on the Creek Sunday.

Mr. Juan Hasting and wife, and Mr. J. W. Hasting and daughter went to Seneca, S. C., Thursday to attend the burial of Mrs. Savannah Sanders. They returned Saturday.

Rev. Lester Ledford visited his sister, Mrs. Bessie McConel Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Sanders, of Prentiss, visited his sister, Mrs. Emma Ledford, Sunday, who has been sick for quite a while.

Mr. Carl Tallent was in this section Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Sanders went to Cartoogechaye Saturday to attend the Junior Order meeting.

Miss Cora Cheeks, of Prentiss, attended Sunday school at Pleasant Hill church Sunday.

BOX SUPPER

There will be a box supper at the Kyle school house November 19, 1927. The public is cordially invited. —THE TEACHERS.

FIRE WARDEN EXTENDS THANKS

The Press Has Received the Following Letter From County Fire Warden, J. J. Mann.

I wish to thank the people of Macon county for their co-operation in the past in the work of preserving the forest and earnestly solicit your aid in the present fire session. The following is a list of the district wardens for the county, and in case of fire, please notify them immediately:

Franklin township, James L. Hauser; Smithbridge township, J. E. Cabe; Flats township, Earnest Brown; Highlands township, Milford Russel; Sugarford township, Frank Mashburn; Ellijay township, Harley Stewart; Cowee township, Weaver Gibson; Millshoal township, Jack Berry; Cartoogechaye township, Joe Watts; Burnington, J. A. Parrish; Lower Nantahala township, J. M. Cochran; Upper Nantahala township, R. L. Barnett.

Work Plan for District No. 1

1. Plan for Macon county.
2. Macon is at present the most southwesterly of the co-operating counties. It borders on South Carolina and Georgia.

3. It has a total forested area of about 276,000 acres, of which 98,000 is considered farm woodland. About 80,000 acres are in National Forest, leaving a total of 194,000 acres protected by the state.

4. Perhaps the greatest fire hazard in the county is the intentional burning of the woods as a means to improve grazing. Brush-burning is next in importance.

5. There are 12 district wardens and 47 deputy wardens in the county, in addition to the county warden and assistant county warden. This is a sufficient number of district wardens, but not enough deputies. Each district warden should have at least three deputies.

(b) There are two high schools and about forty graded schools in the county. The rural schools are the ones to which we should devote most of our attention. Each district warden and the county warden should visit two schools during each fire season.

(c) Owners of large tracts of land in the county should be approached regarding co-operation. However, aside from the National Forest holdings, it seems that the Tallahassee Power company of Tapoco, N. C., is about the only large landowner. Their land is near Aquone.

(d) There are perhaps 15 small saw mills in the county. Each district warden should visit those in his district during fire seasons. Ritter's large mill on the Nantahala will be handled by the United States Forest Service.

Fire Suppression: Minimum Requirements

The action of personnel both on the fire line and in going to the fires, is purely a matter of education and instruction. By means of written and verbal instructions, by study of the Warden's Manual, and by use of the fire school idea, wardens are to be impressed with the need of efficient haste. Perhaps the best method of obtaining such action is by means of a sort of competitive test of the time required by the various wardens to reach fires and to extinguish them. Wardens should be guided, in all suppression work, by the instructions contained in the Warden's Manual.

Remarks

Macon county has had a good fire record recently. It is estimated that \$100.00 will care for fire fighting costs for the year. At the end of the year the purchase of additional tools with surplus state funds is recommended. No towers or other improvements are set up as projects. J. J. MANN, County Fire Warden.

SHOWER FOR MRS. FLANAGAN

Some of the ladies of the Presbyterian church were hostess at a miscellaneous shower last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. D. Rice, given for Mrs. Flanagan, who recently had all of her household furnishings destroyed by a fire.

The living room was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and roses.

Tea and delicious sandwiches were served.

The shower was a big surprise to Mrs. Flanagan. She received many beautiful and useful gifts.

Lawrence Penland Making Good

News has just been received here from Coldbrook, Mass., to the effect that Lawrence Penland, son of Mrs. Henry Penland, is making good there on the work in connection with the new water supply for Boston and other cities in that section of Massachusetts. The following newspaper clipping has been received at the office of The Press:

Shaft No. 7, at Coldbrook, about a mile from the state road in the series of shafts between the Ware River and the Washuset dam at Clinton, is expected to be completed this week.

This shaft was down 353 feet last Friday and when completed will be 415.58 feet.

The superintendent is Lawrence Penland, who comes here from North Carolina. He was in charge of the Dixon Creek and Corner Brothers shafts in that section of the country. He is only 26 years old, being the youngest superintendent on the Coughlan Tour shafts.

Concerning Teachers and Amount per Pupil Expended

A condition in the schools of Macon county that is unusual for this county, and probably is for others, is the fact that, of the 116 teachers in the county's schools this year, 53, or nearly half, are teaching in the same schools in which they were employed last year. This is shown by the school records in the office of M. D. Billings, county superintendent.

Of the total of 116 teachers, 112 are white, and 4 negro.

The average monthly salary paid all the teachers of the county, during the required six-months term, this year will be a fraction over \$88. This is as compared with an average of about \$40 per month paid teachers in this county 10 years ago.

But, while the county is paying its teachers more than formerly, and has been making progress along other educational lines, so has the remainder of the country. And Macon county is far behind the average in America in the amount spent per child in education.

Throughout the United States as a whole, Mr. Billings pointed out, an average of \$100 per year is being expended for each child enrolled in school. In Macon county the average is approximately \$25, or just about one-fourth the average for the entire country. Some states are spending as much as \$175 per pupil per year.

To put it in a different way: the average child in the United States gets \$1 worth of educational advantages—building, equipment, teaching, etc.—for every dollar's worth the average Macon county child receives.

Land Examiner Here—Will Receive Proposals to Sell

Mr. Lewis E. Fitch, examiner of lands in the forest bureau, Department of Agriculture, has been assigned to station at Franklin and is now located near Clarksville examining lands suitable for purchase by the government. Mr. Fitch is expected to remain with the National Forest for several months. Quite a number of proposals for the sale of land to government are being received by the local forestry officials, says Supervisor A. A. Wood. The government is now putting on a drive to consolidate by purchase of lands within the forestry boundary. Mr. Wood states that he will be glad to receive proposals from any one located within the boundary of the Nantahala Forest who desires to sell land to the national government.

Change of Pastors

The Rev. R. F. Mock, the new pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, together with Mrs. Mock and their daughter, were expected to arrive here yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon. Ladies of the Methodist church had the parsonage all ready for the new minister and his wife.

The Rev. A. P. Ratledge, who goes to Cherryville, where Mr. Mock has been located prior to coming to Franklin, expected to leave for his new charge today.

Mr. Ratledge has held the pastorate here during the past year, and has made many friends in Franklin. He has become recognized here as a student, whose mind runs along logical lines; and by his unquestioned sincerity and absolute honesty—carried sometimes to the point of plain speaking that wasn't always entirely pleasant—has inspired general respect and admiration.

OPERATIONS OF CANNERY SUCCESS

Extensive Plans for Next Season—Quality Produce Necessary—County Agent to Supply Proper Seed.

Very little has been said about the operations of the cannery here last season, and, possibly for that reason, there appears to be a general impression that the first season's operations were largely a failure. The impression is erroneous, according to A. R. Higdon, secretary and treasurer of the Macon Food Products company, a co-operative organization. And Mr. Higdon pointed out that, despite serious handicaps, the cannery practically "broke even" during the first season, a result that is usually termed satisfactory for any new business, even under the most auspicious circumstances.

Among the handicaps under which the cannery was operated last season was the fact that it was August before it was in operation—after the season was nearly gone; and the further fact that a considerable number of the stock subscribers were delinquent in making their payments. Had the subscribers all paid promptly, the concern would have been even more successful—it would have had funds with which to work, Mr. Higdon suggested.

"We are happy to say now, however, that all but a few have paid their stock subscriptions, and we are ready for business in earnest next season," he said.

The cannery now has on hand, ready to be labeled and sold, about \$1,000 worth of canned goods; the plant is equipped to do a large volume of business; and it has about 40,000 empty cans on hand now for next season—no small item.

The plant is capable of canning around \$100,000 worth of produce in a season, it is estimated. And officials of the organization are hoping to be able next season to can around \$25,000 worth of the finished product.

The market is a comparatively simple problem for the management, Mr. Higdon stated. The principal need to make of the enterprise the success that is hoped for is the co-operation of the people of town and county, and, most important, the right kind and quality of produce, in quantity.

The cannery, operated by the Macon Food Products company, with Charles W. Teague as general manager, began operation here last August, following long agitation for such a project. The plant located north of the railway station, near the warehouses of the Franklin Furniture company and the Carolina Provision company.

Arrangements are being made, Mr. Higdon said, to use the county agent's office in supplying seed and plants to responsible farmers, who will contract with the cannery, in order that standard stuff may be secured for canning.

Under the arrangement in mind, farmers may buy these seeds and plants, and pay for them when they sell their produce to the cannery.

WILL WORK ON CHURCH GROUNDS

The members of the colored Baptist church of Franklin, under the leadership of Rev. J. E. Chambers, will soon make considerable improvement on the church and grounds in East Franklin. It is their intention to grade the church grounds, set the same to grass and make other improvements on the premises.

Dry Falls Survey

According to Mr. T. C. Keener, of Highlands, who was a visitor to Franklin Monday, surveys are engaged this week in making a survey of the route by which it is hoped to run No. 28 under the Dry Falls of the Cullasaja. Mr. Keener, who is thoroughly familiar with that section of the county states that there are no engineering difficulties connected with this proposition that cannot be easily solved. Monday morning the surveyors were at work at Kelly Falls some distance below the Dry Falls.

Mr. Keener also informed a Press representative that the steam shovel on highway No. 28 is now at Brush creek, but that there is yet quite a bit of sub-grading to be done before cars can go to that point. This should be good news to Mr. Smith, of Atlanta, and others who have fishing clubs and stream privileges on the Cullasaja and Brush creek.

This Is a List of the Boys and Girls So Far who Have Joined the 4-H Club

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| Hascie Clark | Olen Bradley |
| Grace McGaha | Bonnie Parrish |
| Frank Bryson | Cecil Gibson |
| Eddis Holbrooks | Dorman Gibson |
| Eme Lee Carter | Odell Hurst |
| Hazel Matlock | Nelson Elmore |
| Lucile Morrison | Mary Joe Elmore |
| Dorsey Matlock | Paul Hurst |
| Weaver Sheffield | Hallie R. Dalton |
| Weaver Holbrooks | Eddis Clara Painteer |
| Claude L. Rickman | Harold Sheffield |
| Woodrow Gibson | J. M. Dalton |
| George Hurst | Robert Ervin Sloan |
| Earl Rickman | Wilfred Fisher |
| Ralph Bradley | Cleveland Smart |
| Paul McCoy | Mary Cumi Teague |
| Mary Duvall | Horace Mann |