

"I charge the A&P Tea company in this town and in every other town as being a monopoly," declared McKinley Edwards, Bryson City attorney, at an anti-chain store meeting sponsored by the home merchants of Macon county at the court house on Wednesday evening.

"The A&P cares nothing for the welfare or prosperity of the people of Macon county," asserted Mr. Edwards. "The home merchants stood by you in all the years of the past and made the town what it is.

He charged the A&P beans were "one-third water."

"The A&P is not helping the institutions of the state. It is not helping the town one dollar. It is not paying any taxes in the town amount to anything. We are interested in the welfare of our children. Public schools must be supported by taxes on property. The A&P slips A. T. Allen, G. L. Allen, superintendent of the Franklin High school, has announced that a part of the Live-at-Home Week program will be correlated with the routine work of the high school and grammar grades here. Live-at-Home Week is being observed from Feb. 10 to 14, inclusive.

"Conditions are different in our mountain counties from conditions that exist in the Piedmont and Eastern sections of North Carolina," Professor Houk asserted. "The live-at-home program is provided primarily to better the state of affairs in the one-crop vicinities of the state. Here in Macon county diversified agriculture is practiced by most farmers. One crop, such as cotton or tobacco, is not relied upon as the sole source of income.

"As another example, take the milk cow. Here in the mountains nearly every home in the rural districts is provided with one or more cows, and many of the families in the towns have their own cows. If you investigated sections of North Carolina east of the mountains, you would be likely to find that the milk cow is relatively scarce.

To Correlate Work

"In correlating the Live-at-Home Week program with the regular schedule of work in the school, the plan will be made applicable to local conditions as nearly as possible. We will emphasize such parts of the program as will be likely to better conditions that the individual mountain farmer now faces."

The topic for Monday, "Daily Food for the Family," was emphasized in the local high school and grammar grades. The topics for the succeeding four days, which include the importance of the cow, poultry, hog, and garden, are also being given such emphasis as is thought necessary.

The main work of the Franklin students during the week, Professor Houk said, is in the essay contests connected with the observance of Live-at-Home Week. A state prize is offered for the best essay written by a high school student on some phase of the live-at-home program. A similar prize is offered for the best essay from a pupil in the elementary grades. Franklin students will compete for these awards.

FRANKLIN GIRLS ON MUSIC TRIP

Misses Hunnicutt and Crawford Return to N. C. C. W. From N. Y.

Greensboro, Feb. 10.—Eleven seniors in the school of music at North Carolina college reported for work Tuesday morning, after a trip of 10 days in New York for a special study of operatic and orchestral performances in that city. They were accompanied by Mrs. Wade R. Brown and Dr. Brown, dean of the school of music.

Those who were in the party are named here: Misses Kathryn Brown, China Grove; Flossie Gogdell, Goldsboro; Timoxena Crawford, Franklin; Charlotte Hatcher, Dunn; Katherine Hine, Winston-Salem; Ora Sue Hunnicutt, Franklin; Margaret McConnell, Gastonia; Christie Maynard, (Continued on page four)

OSCAR E. MOORE DIES IN ATLANTA AFTER ACCIDENT

Oscar E. Moore, 57, son of the late Jesse S. Moore and Callie Moore died in an Atlanta hospital last week following injuries received two weeks before his death when struck by a motor vehicle. He had been in ill health for several months, and while in the hospital, complications set in which resulted in his death.

Mr. Moore was born March 8, 1872, in Macon county. He married Carry Turner, of Bowersville, Ga., who has been dead for several years. One child born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore is also dead.

Funeral services for the deceased were held here at noon last Friday in the Methodist church with Rev. R. F. Mock officiating.

Mr. Moore was a nephew of J. T. Moore of Franklin, and is survived by a number of relatives, including J. A. Porter, T. W. Porter, W. B. McGuire, and J. A. Conley and family.

C. OF C. STARTS INTENSIVE DRIVE

Goal of 100 Is Set For Organization's Membership

At the first meeting of the board of the Chamber of Commerce, plans were put into effect to make a drive for 100 charter members. J. E. Rice, president, says, "Tell this little town of ours that we are going to do all in our power to make things happen. We think that anything short of 100 charter members would be a reflection on the progressive spirit that has taken so great a hold upon our folks within the last few months. We ask that every one that is interested call at the town clerk's office and join. There is not going to be anything started that has the remotest chance of calling for large expenditures. No man need be afraid that he is getting in to something that will be a hardship for him. We want the ladies to join also. As soon as this goal of 100 charter members is reached, we will begin on other plans that have been formulated.

Ladies Invited

"The ladies are asked to join as well as the men; for this is a whole community project that we are launched upon now. We are going to hang together so that there will be no separate hangings. If it is not convenient for any one to go to the clerk's office see any one of the following directors: T. W. Angel, Sr., (Continued on page four)

BOY IS WOUNDED IN GUN ACCIDENT

David Miller, 12, Receives Shotgun Discharge In His Face

LEFT EYE IS REMOVED

Patient's Condition Painful, But He Is Not Believed In Danger

Dover Miller, 12-year-old son of Dave Miller, of Macon county, was seriously wounded at noon last Thursday when he received in his face part of the load from a shotgun fired by Tom Franks, farmer, while out hunting.

Officers, who investigated, reported that the shooting was accidental. They said the farmer was out hunting and was attempting to shoot a hawk which had lodged in some bushes on the side of a hill two miles below Franklin, near the Tennessee river. The man fired and in so doing wounded the boy. He said he did not see the boy in the bushes.

Taken To Hospital

The injured youth was brought to the Angel hospital here, where he received treatment. Physicians found it necessary to remove the left eye. The other eye was not injured. The shot severely lacerated the boy's face. Although his condition is painful, it is not believed that the patient is in any danger.

SALE OF PROPERTY FOR UNPAID TAXES OF 1927-28, MARCH 1

Unpaid taxes in Macon county for the years 1927 and 1928 are to be collected by sale of property on which taxes are due, Sheriff C. L. Ingram announced last Monday. Advertisement of the lands will be made on March 1, Sheriff Ingram said.

TWO IN HOSPITAL FROM COUNTIES ADJOINING MACON

Two men from counties adjoining Macon are in Angel Brothers' hospital here as the result of a shooting affair and an accident.

Glen Martin, of Tusquitee, Clay county, is shot through the abdomen with an automatic calibre bullet which he alleges to have been fired by Grady Coward. An operation was performed Monday morning to save his life.

Lawrence Griffith, son of Sheriff Griffith of Graham county is in the hospital with a broken leg as the result of a telephone pole falling and striking the limb. (Continued on page four)

TRADE BODY LAUNCHED FOR TOWN AND COUNTY

FRANKLIN SPLITS TWIN BILL WITH SYLVA HI SCHOOL

Franklin High and Sylva High split a twin bill last Thursday night, the Franklin girls taking the opener by a 21 to 17 count while the Sylva boys won their battle, 20 to 16. Both games were played in Sylva. The contests were close from beginning to end and were attended by a large crowd of enthusiastic cheerers.

MACON COUNTY 64TH IN READING

Showing of Magazine And Daily Paper Circulation Here Is Poor

Macon county ranks sixty-fourth among the counties of North Carolina in the number of magazines and daily newspapers circulated per family, according to statistics published in the University News Letter of Chapel Hill. Commenting on reading habits of North Carolinians, the News Letter says:

"The remarkable growth in high schools and in high school enrollment in the state in the last two decades ought to mean that the citizenry of tomorrow will be a generation of readers, for one of the results of a high school education should be the formation of reading habits. The smatterings of history, language and mathematics learned in high school may be largely forgotten but the habit of seeking knowledge and entertainment through the printed page generally is permanent.

Notoriously Deficient

The passing generation of North Carolinians has been notoriously deficient in reading habits. The majority of farm homes have been almost bare of books and magazines, but this will be decreasingly true. Boys and girls who have been affiliated with 4-H clubs will not be satisfied to isolate themselves from the outside world when they establish homes of their own. Young people who have acquired the habit of reading good books and the current magazines in high school will be patrons of libraries and subscribers to magazines the rest of their lives. For these reasons it is important that every school library contain a fair number of good books and at least a few of the best current magazines. (Continued on page four)

ANIMATED MEET HELD ON FRIDAY

J. E. Rice Is Elected To Head Organization; Board Named

70 ATTEND MEETING

Projects For New Chamber Are Outlined At Gathering

A Chamber of Commerce for Franklin was organized here last Friday night at a dinner-meeting held by 70 of the leading citizens and business men of the community at the Franklin Hotel.

J. E. Rice, president of the Southern Mica company, of Franklin, was elected president, and Mrs. Alvah Pearce, town clerk, was named secretary.

A board of directors was named as follows: T. W. Angel, Sr., D. D. Rice, J. E. Perry, Major S. A. Harris, and Gus Leach. The officers and board of directors were instructed to make plans for perfecting the organization.

Lyles Harris Presides

The meeting was presided over by Lyles Harris, editor and publisher of The Franklin Press. All 70 of those present joined the new organization and agreed to pay \$1 per month each for the next 12 months for the support of the Chamber.

The meeting was animated by a spirit of helpfulness and community-mindedness on the part of those attending, and there were many suggestions as to specific things the new organization may do to help the town grow. It is planned to develop the organization on a conservative basis, and to gradually develop into a civic body upon which the community can depend to look after its interests.

Projects

Among the things the Chamber of Commerce plans to do in the near future are the following:

- (1) Advertise Franklin and Macon county.
- (2) Obtain a Federal aid highway through this section, and complete the links on the Detroit-Jacksonville highway, which is finished with the exception of 35 miles in Macon county and an 18-mile stretch between State Highway No. 10 and the North Carolina-Tennessee line. This route, it is pointed out, shortens the distance between Detroit and Jacksonville by 134 miles.
- (3) Widen Main street. (Continued on page four)

FOREST FIRES SWEEP COWEE TIMBERLANDS IN TERRITORY ADJACENT TO ETNA DISTRICT

Conflagrations Threaten Nantahala Forest In Two Places

A forest fire of undetermined origin swept rapidly over a large, but unestimated acreage of timberland in the Cowee mountains near Etna in this county last Monday and Monday night. It had not been brought under control Tuesday. Residents of the section adjacent to the fire telephoned to Franklin for aid. County Warden Fred Slagle attempted to organize a fire fighting company, but was handicapped by lack of equipment.

At the same time fires threatened lands of the Nantahala National forest on Trimont mountain and on Ammons' knob. These, however, were confined to an area of less than 10 acres each. Both evidently were started by careless smokers or hunters.

On Monday night eight separate fires appeared to be burning in the Cowee section, and they had swept from above Etna near Leatherman bald to highway No. 286, covering at least 3,000 acres, Mr. Slagle estimates. The fires in this district are outside the jurisdiction of the Nantahala National forest.

Lookouts Posted

Last Saturday and Sunday lookouts were placed on duty at all lookout stations within the Nantahala forest, in anticipation of fires during the present dry season.

More than a year ago, Macon county withdrew the aid by which it had with the state jointly supported fire wardens in all sections of the county. Fire fighting equipment was kept within reach of all wardens, and no serious fire occurred while the system was in force. The present fire on Cowee is the first serious conflagration that has occurred in Macon tim-

berlands since the fire wardens were relieved of their duties, but it is estimated that the loss from the Cowee fire is twenty-five times greater than the cost of maintaining fire wardens for a year. The estimated loss from the fire was estimated last Tuesday to have already reached \$15,000, with indications that the figure will be much higher.

It has been pointed out by A. A. Wood, supervisor of the Nantahala forest, that the last two years have been periods of high precipitation, with a consequent increase in vegetative growth. The people of the county are accordingly warned not to let down in their past care because an extended dry spell will create extremely hazardous conditions.

FOUNDER'S DAY HELD BY P.-T. A.

T. J. Johnston Gives Brief Sketch of Organization's History

Founder's Day was observed by the P.-T. A. last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. J. Johnston. The fourth grade students began the program with a song entitled "P.-T. A.," set to the tune of "The Star-Spangled Banfner."

T. J. Johnston gave the principal address at the meeting. The address follows:

P.-T. A. History

"Parent-Teacher associations represent a survival of the town meeting as applied to the school. Mothers' meetings were inaugurated in 1855 in connection with the kindergarten movement in the United States. A mothers' conference was called by (Continued on page four)