

BAPTISTS ELECT PASTOR SUNDAY

**Dr. W. E. Abernethy Named
By Church To Fill
Its Pulpit**

EXPERIENCE IS WIDE

**New Minister Has Worked
In Legal, Editorial and
Educational Fields**

Acting on the recommendations of the pulpit committee and the board of deacons, members of the Franklin Baptist church last Sunday elected Rev. W. E. Abernethy, D. D., of Ruetherford college, to fill the pulpit left vacant by the untimely death of Dr. W. M. Lee, the former pastor. Dr. Abernethy had temporarily acted as pastor of the Baptist church during the month preceding his election.

The new Baptist pastor has had wide experience in religious and educational work. Born near Morganton in Burke county, he received his early education at Rutherford college, an institution in his home county. After graduation he was for a year editor of the Morganton Herald, one of North Carolina's outstanding weekly newspapers. For a while, he also read law, planning to enter the legal profession.

Later, returning to Rutherford college, Dr. Abernethy became professor of Latin and Greek. Later he was elected president of the college, in which capacity he served for several years.

Entering the Methodist ministry, Dr. Abernethy held several pastorates. While at Portsmouth, Va., he joined the Baptist denomination, and since then has held pastorates in Shelby, Reidsville, Charlotte, Greensboro, and other towns and cities.

Travels Abroad

In the summer of 1928 he resigned as pastor of the Leaksville Baptist church to travel in bible lands. He recently returned from his travels abroad, and shortly afterward came to Franklin.

Dr. Abernethy is the father of two children: Mary Winn, who is teaching at High Point, and Bill, a sophomore at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Abernethy's wife has been dead for several years.

The Baptist minister is a member of a number of fraternal orders, including the Masonic order, I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias, J. O. U. A. M., and Woodmen of the World.

The new pastor is staying at the Scott Griffin hotel temporarily. He has not yet made arrangements for a permanent residence in Franklin.

Study Club Discusses Scott's "The Wave"

The Franklin Study Club met Monday, March 10, with Miss Elizabeth Kelly. As few members were present, no business was transacted by the club.

The book for discussion was "The Wave," by Evelyn Scott, a study of the Civil War. Owing to the illness of Mrs. C. C. Noyes, who was to have led the discussion, the book was very ably reviewed by Miss Kelly.

The club meets next with Mrs. Fred Siler.

CAROLINA FORESTRY WEEK BEING OBSERVED AS CONSERVATION AGENCIES DESCRIBE PROBLEMS

REFORESTATION IS PUBLIC NEED

**Rehabilitation Of Forests
One Of Big Internal
Matters**

INDUSTRY DEPENDENT

**Wood Products Form Big
Percentage Of Manu-
facturing Material**

This year the week of March 16-22 has been designated as Carolina Forestry week. It is a time during which the North Carolina Forest service, the Federal Forest service agencies in the state, and all other forestry organizations put forth the greatest possible effort to bring to the public attention the problems of forest conservation.

Probably no other single happening in 1927 served to put the question of forestry and reforestation so much to the front as did the great Mississippi flood. This costly disaster was thoroughly investigated by the army engineers and by the Forest service. The recommendations made included not only the construction of great engineering works to control the floods, but also the inauguration of a great program of reforestation and of forestry practice on the headwaters of the Mississippi and its tributaries. Modern engineers recognize the fact that the forest can very appreciably reduce the violence and severity of floods. This is easily demonstrated by comparing a stream that flows through healthy forest land with one that comes from brush-covered or denuded lands. The first is cold, almost always clear, and quite steady in volume. The second is much warmer, seldom clear, and is subject to great variations in volume of flow. After heavy rains it is a rushing, mud-colored torrent. And so the forest has a decided influence on stream flow.

Industries Dependent On Forests

"No other of our internal problems is of greater moment than the rehabilitation of our forests." That is what President Coolidge said of the program for forest conservation. America's greatest industries are heavily dependant upon forest products in their work. In 1926 twelve per cent of what the railroads spent for fuel and supplies went for purchase of forest products. Even the great steel and automobile industries and the mines, are large users of wood. The paper and pulp industry, of course, depends almost wholly upon the forest. And so our forest resources represent an economic factor of enormous importance.

The United States has 470 million acres of forest land, unsuited to agriculture and not needed for other purposes. Of this area, 80 million acres of land is now absolutely idle and non-productive. A much larger area supports only second or third growth and is given no care whatsoever. (Continued on page four)

BRICK 137 YEARS OLD IS EXHIBITED IN SHOW WINDOW

A brick that was made before the town of Franklin was founded is on display in Perry's Drug store this week. It bears the date 1793, making it 137 years old.

The brick was found in a chimney of the home of the late L. C. Holbrooks, near Otto. A new chimney was planned for the Holbrooks' home, and in tearing away the old one, the aged brick was discovered.

Before the Holbrooks house was erected, the brick is said to have been in a chimney of the George Wickle old house which stood near the present Holbrooks' home.

BRYSON TO TAKE LARGER CHARGE

**Former Macon Minister Becomes
Pastor-at-Large
In Missouri**

Rev. J. A. Bryson, formerly of Macon county, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bryson of this county, has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist church at Windsor, Mo., in order to become pastor-at-large of district five (Boone Calloway and Lamine counties) of the Missouri Baptist body, according to word received here.

Rev. Bryson will make his home in Columbia, a city situated near the center of Missouri, and the seat of the State university. Within a radius of 30 miles of Columbia are located nine colleges in addition to the University. The field to which Rev. Bryson is called covers this territory. It is said to be one of the greatest opportunities which the Baptists of Missouri have to offer. He will secure pastors for pastorless churches, superintend evangelism, do teacher training work, teach stewardship and schools of missions.

During the six years that he was pastor at Windsor, the First Baptist church grew steadily under Rev. Bryson's leadership. The membership increased from a little more than 400 to nearly 600, according to a report from the board of deacons.

Cash Must Accompany All Legal Advertising

A rule that went into effect last fall requires all individuals, firms, lodges, or any other group or organization placing legal advertising, resolutions of respect, or reading notices in the Franklin Press, to pay cash in advance for such advertisements or notices. The same rule applies to persons inserting want ads.

This rule was made necessary because of difficulty in collecting for certain legal advertising, and because it is undesirable to keep books on amounts for very small ads and notices. No exceptions will be made to the rule.

PAPER IS ISSUED BY FOREST MEN

**Nantahala Highlights Makes
Initial Appearance
This Week**

ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Standing Indian Has Big-
gest and Best Mica,
Says Waldroop**

Volume 1, No. 1 of Nantahala Highlights, a memographed monthly publication of the Nantahala National forest, made its appearance this week. It is devoted exclusively to forestry news and items of interest to members of the forestry personnel.

The following items were clipped from Highlights:

Harry True, who came to the Nantahala one year ago this February, on acquisition work, is still at it. He has with him J. R. Bradley, transitman, regularly, Frank Shope, axeman, and L. H. Mielke, roadman, more or less regularly. This gang has recently been working down in eGorgia and South Carolina in which territory the jobs are completed. They tackle North Carolina next. They made a record on the V. M. Wilbanks tract recently. On March 7, they decided to do the job. Mr. Wilbanks was approached on the morning of the 8th with a blank option. He signed it without much harangue (it is probable Mr. Wilbanks has gotten rid of this necessary evil by many days and nights of previously thinking it over—thus the usual argument about the price being too low was in the background on the morning of the 8th). The boys dug in, and before sunset of the same day the entire tract of 254 acres was surveyed and the line around it painted.

Power on the Nantahala

Up on Wayah creek is headquarters for the road crew and its equipment. Construction is now underway on a new equipment depot, which will be known as Equipment Depot No. 2. There is considerable machinery in the old depot used for repairing the road trucks, graders, tractors, etc. Some of the shop machinery requires power, and a project now is under contemplation, and it is understood is approved by the District Engineer, to install a turbine in one of the falls of the creek. This will be made to turn a dynamo which will generate enough (Continued on page four)

HOLDUP TRIED ON MOUNTAIN

**Man In Auto Knocks Out
Would-Be Bandit On
Highway 285**

E. F. Moffitt, the new service manager for the Macon Chevrolet company had an unusual introduction to Macon county the night he arrived.

On rounding one of the curves on the Cowee mountain he discovered that the road was blocked by a coupe parked across the highway.

On its inner side stood a man with a gun plainly indicating that he wished Mr. Moffitt to stop and talk. Mr. Moffitt, having his wife by his side and believing that an argument would be entirely out of place at that time, decided not to observe the order of the man with the gun.

By quick calculation he figured that there was just room between the inside end of the Ford and the embankment for his car to pass. He stepped on the gas and bounded ahead. The last glimpse that Mr. Moffitt had of the intruder was that of figure sprawling on the roadway beside his car as the service manager sped on to his newly adopted town, Franklin.

TAX LISTERS ARE HERE ON MONDAY FOR INSTRUCTION

The recently appointed tax listers for the townships of Macon county came to Franklin on Monday and received instructions for doing their work. The tax listers also secured books and blanks necessary for preparing their lists.

The listers who came to Franklin on Monday are: Elias Ammons, Millshoal; John J. Corbin, Ellijay; Mrs. Frank Mashburn, Sugarfork; T. G. Harbison, Highlands; H. O. Penland, Flats; E. N. Keener, Smith's Bridge; Earl Harrison, Cartoogechaye; J. R. Wickle, Nantahala; John H. Dean, Burningtown; Oscar Rickman, Cowee; W. H. Roane, Franklin.

FREE RIDE GIVEN TO MOONSHINER

**Joe Angel Is Brought To
Jail; His Still Is
Confiscated**

Sheriff C. L. Ingram brought Joe Angel of Mashburn Branch to Franklin in an automobile last Saturday free of charge. As an additional part of the morning's work, he moved Angel's place of business to Franklin, also free of charge. Mr. Angel's business paraphernalia is temporarily stored in the sheriff's office, and Mr. Angel is receiving free meals and lodging in the county jail.

A moonshine still made of two medium size kegs, properly caulked, and other equipment essential to the distillery trade were found by Sheriff Ingram and Deputies R. M. Coffey and Derald Ashe one hundred yards from Angel's home. A well-worn trail leading from the house to the still was located by the raiding party. Several gallons of beer were poured out, and about fifteen bottles were found which had contained whiskey. Angel will be tried at the April term of superior court.

McDowell Music Club Meets With Miss Morgan

The McDowell Music club met Wednesday, March 12, at the home of Mrs. Frank T. Smith with Miss Minnie Grace Morgan, hostess. Miss Eleanor Sloan was leader, and the following program of Scotch-Irish music was carried out:

Sundown—Helen Hopekirk—Mrs. W. B. Kesler; Echoes from the Green Isle—Rockstro—Mrs. Gilmer Jones and Mrs. Francis Tessier; Irish Lullaby—Quinlan—Elizabeth Dowdle; Irish Song—Lohr—Mrs. Smith Harris.

The club is indebted to Mrs. Dick Hudson and seven little girls from the sixth grade for a very interesting program on Stephen Foster.

Summary Of Dr. W. M. Lee's Work Shows Lasting Record

(By C. T. Blaine and Judge John Awtry)

Dr. W. M. Lee began his work here on May 13, 1928, coming from a pastorate at Westminster, South Carolina. He departed this life January 30, 1930 and was buried at Gordon, Georgia, his old home, on February 1, 1930.

His ministry with us was one of the most fruitful periods in the history of the church. He visited probably three-fourths of the Baptist churches in the county in the interest of denominational work, and B. Y. P. U.'s were organized in eight or ten churches. Our Women's Missionary union was revived, many members added and regular and

profitable meetings were held.

A work very close to Dr. Lee's heart was that of banding the young people together and training them in effective service for the Master. Under his leadership the B. Y. P. U. was very active and the attendance and interest was probably doubled, there being from 80 to 100 at many meetings. There is no question but that he has left a deep spiritual influence on the lives of our young people that will bear fruit in the years to come. In November, 1929, a successful Sunday School Enlargement campaign was conducted.

In September, 1928, in the re- (Continued on page four)

Mrs. Francis M. Tessier New Advertising Representative

The Press is fortunate in having secured the services of Mrs. Francis M. Tessier as advertising manager. Mrs. Tessier assumed her duties at The Press office on Monday. She is a native of Franklin and is well known here. Mrs. Tessier will be in direct charge of the advertising department, with authority to close advertising contracts as well as solicit advertisements. She will also act as social editor of The Press, in which capacity she will be responsible for personal items and club news.

With the addition of Mrs. Tessier to its staff, The Press is taking another step to give the maximum in advertising service

to local advertisers. She will be at the service of Franklin business concerns to help in the preparation of advertising copy, layouts, campaigns. It will be her purpose to aid in the building of business for every concern in Franklin which desires to cooperate.

The editor and publisher of The Press, Lyles Harris, who is working on plans for the expansion of the newspaper field in Franklin and in Western North Carolina, has been unable to give sufficient time to the advertising department, and for this reason Mrs. Tessier was employed. She is also authorized to take orders for job printing.