

Farmers And Merchants Auction Sales Day

COUNTY WINS JUDGMENT OF \$500 IN BOND SUIT FRI.

Bray Brothers Gives Check For \$500 and Cost; Sued For \$4,700

There was a case of some interest to the tax payers of Macon county tried in superior court last week before Cameron F. McRae, presiding judge.

In 1928 the county advertised and sold a bond issue of fifty thousand dollars to or through Bray Brothers of Greensboro, who represented themselves as brokers, at the legal rate of six per cent interest per annum. At the date of sale the county issued a check for \$500 to be delivered to Bray Brothers when the money was paid over for the bonds, which was done.

The present board of county commissioners figured the \$500 as interest paid in addition to the legal rate of six per cent thus making a greater rate of interest than the law allows. Therefore they brought suit against Bray Brothers for \$4,700 being double the amount of interest alleged to have been paid.

Bray Brothers set up as their defense that they are only brokers and did not furnish any of their own money for the bonds but went into the money market and secured a purchaser who put up the money and who received all the interest, and that the \$500 was paid them as their commission for negotiating the sale of the bonds.

The jury returned a verdict of \$500 in favor of the county. The Bray Brothers immediately paid the county the \$500 and cost of the action.

Franklin To Have New Tool and Storage House

The tool house being erected by the town of Franklin near the Baptist church is near completion and is a credit to the people compared to the building previously used.

The building is to be used for housing the fire truck, road machine, tractor and other street machinery.

Report of Aldermen Meet Monday Night

At the regular monthly meeting of the town board of aldermen Monday night an order was passed to place three additional street lights, one near the I. J. Ashe residence on Harrison avenue, one near Mark Dowle's home on the Georgia road and the other on the Dillsboro highway near J. B. Burselson's residence.

Harrison Resigns As Commissioner

Mr. J. O. Harrison has served for the past two years as chairman of the board of county commissioners and also as county auditor, and was reelected at the November election by a substantial majority.

After the organization Monday of the newly elected board of commissioners Mr. Harrison tendered his resignation to the clerk of superior court whose duty it is to appoint Mr. Harrison's successor.

Mr. Walter Gibson, who received the largest number of votes among the defeated candidates for commissioner in the recent election, was appointed to serve on the board.

THEATRE TO GIVE BENEFIT SHOW

30 Per Cent Receipts To Buy Christmas Cheer For Inmates

A few more weeks and Christmas will be here, Christmas with its bountiful repasts, beautiful gifts, and universal spirit of fellowship.

Christmas will be a time of happiness and good cheer for most of us. But what about the poor inmates of the County Home? With an appropriation of \$10.00 each per month for food, heat, bedding, and other necessities of life, what chance have these unfortunates for any real Christmas joys?

Mr. Lyle, manager of the Macon Theatre, has announced that his theatre will do its bit towards making the season happier for these people. He states that he will devote 30 per cent (practically one-third) of the gross receipts from his shows of Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 10-11, to buying "Christmas Goodies" (fruits, candies, nuts, cakes) for the inmates of the County Home.

The amount of this fund so generously offered by the Macon Theatre will, of course, depend entirely upon the patronage accorded the two shows set aside for this purpose. The dates are Wednesday and Thursday, December 10th and 11th. Thirty cents out of every dollar taken in at the box office these two nights will be used for the County Home poor. You can do your bit by attending the show one of these nights. Do more than that; make a gala night of it, and bring the entire family.

Mr. Lyle states that he has secured an excellent program for these two benefit shows. The feature is a Columbia production entitled "SISTERS," starring Sally O'Neil and Molly O'Day, who are sisters in real life. "SISTERS" is a sympathetic portrayal of sisterly love and devotion, with smiles, tears and thrills subtly blended into one of the most delightful comedy dramas of the season. It is a picture that the entire family will thoroughly enjoy. In addition to the feature picture there will also be an excruciatingly funny "Our Gang" talking comedy entitled "LOVE BUSINESS."

Avail yourselves of this opportunity to do a good deed, and at the same time pass an evening of pleasant entertainment. The admission price will be only 15 cents for children and 35 cents for adults, and, remember, thirty cents of every dollar taken in goes to make Christmas brighter for the poor unfortunates at the County Home.

Revival Meeting To Begin Friday Night In Court House

Dr. O'Kelly, of Spartanburg, S. C., will hold a series of meetings for one week, beginning Thursday night, in the Macon county court house.

The meeting is being backed by the Watauga Baptist church, and Mr. Bob Brendle is taking a leading role in getting the meeting lined up.

Mr. O'Kelly held a meeting at Watauga some weeks ago with splendid results.

Prof. Lock, also of Greenville, conducted the singing services and will be here, it is understood.

The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Methodist Church

Next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock Rev. G. Clifton Ervin will preach at the Methodist church on the theme, "A Christlike Mind In a Christlike Man." The subject for the evening service at 7:30 will be "Ears That Hear." This sermon will be based upon the parable of the Soils. The choir will render a special anthem at the morning service, and the young people will sing at the evening hour.

The Church school will meet as usual at 9:45 a. m.

The Senior Epworth League will meet at 6:45 p. m. Miss Jean Porter will have charge of the League program. All the young people of the community are cordially invited to attend this young people's service.

Mr. Ervin will preach at Carson's Chapel next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

H. P. Nichols Here Soon

Mr. H. P. Nichols, former executive assistant of the Nantahala National Forest, is planning to spend a few days in Franklin and vicinity. He was to have started in his automobile from Washington, D. C., Friday morning. It had not been learned whether or not Mrs. Nichols is coming with him, but it is presumed that she is.

Mr. Nichols was transferred to Washington last summer, to the Regional Headquarters offices, and this return to Franklin, we understand, is in the capacity of official duties with perhaps a few days leave of absence added. It is not expected he will remain more than a week or ten days.

New Officers Make Bond and Take Oath

The newly elected officers who will have in charge the county's business for the next two years filed their bonds and took the oath of office Monday.

Changes made are as follows:

A. B. Slagle succeeds C. L. Ingram as sheriff, Frank I. Murray succeeds himself as clerk of superior court, C. Tom Bryson succeeds Horner Stockton as register of deeds, Chas. H. McClure, W. D. Barnard and Walter Gibson are the commissioners. The commissioners moved their office from the office occupied by the register of deeds to the office recently occupied by County Agent Frederick Sloan.

The commissioners organized by electing Mr. Barnard chairman of the Board and also county auditor, the position held by J. O. Harrison for the last two years.

Mr. Joe Hayes Dies In Winston-Salem; Buried at Highlands

Mr. Joe Hayes, son of Mrs. M. E. Hayes of Highlands, died in a hospital at Winston-Salem Nov. 30, 1930 and was buried at Highlands, Dec. 2, 1930.

Mr. Hayes had an attack of peritonitis following a light case of the flu and was taken to the hospital for an operation but the surgeon's knife could not save this young man.

Mr. Hayes was teaching at Walkertown, N. C., when his health failed. He was 25 years old and unmarried.

DR. LYLE OUT AGAIN

Dr. S. H. Lyle who has been confined to his home for several days, suffering from a heart attack, is able to be on the streets again.

SALE IS FREE TO MACON'S FARMERS

DATE OF FIRST SALE TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON; WATCH PRESS FOR DATE

The Press will announce in an early issue the date of the first Farmers and Merchants Sales-Auction Day. This Sales-Auction Day is being sponsored by the business houses of Franklin and The Franklin Press, not as a money making proposition for them but for the benefit of the farmers of the county. According to arrangements now going forward there will be two sales each month or every other Saturday, beginning about 12:30 or one o'clock p. m. and run from one to two hours or until all articles are sold.

Any farmer in Macon county may bring on these sales days any article, livestock, poultry or anything he wishes to Franklin and have it sold at auction free of cost by a good auctioneer.

Any merchant or business house that are a member of the Sales-Auction Day, may put anything they wish up and have sold at auction for a fee of 5 cents on the dollar, this charge of 5 per cent is made in order to defray the expenses of auctioneer and advertising expenses.

On these sales days each business house that is a member will offer to the people some real bargains; and it will be nothing but fair for the farmer that spends any money in town on sales days to go and spend it with the ones that make these days possible for them to sell what they wish at auction free of cost.

One thing the business men of Franklin has in mind in starting a thing of this kind is to give the farmers a place to sell something that they wish to get cash for, during these times when money is not so plentiful, and also by getting in closer touch twice a month with people of the town and country.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Higdonville, N. C., Dec. 1, 1930.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy nine years old. Will you please bring me a gun, knife, wagon, nuts and candy for Christmas.

Your friend,
ROBIE HIGDON.

Prentiss, N. C., Dec. 3, 1930.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 6 years old. I haven't mist a day in school. I am learning fast. Please bring me a watch, a car, and some apples, oranges. Don't forget my teacher, Miss McCracken.

With love, ELLIS LEDFORD.

Prentiss, N. C., Dec. 3, 1930.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 3 years old all tho I feel as big as dad.

I want a real car, ball, apples, oranges, raisins, candy and everything that is good.

Dear Santa, don't forget mother and father. Bring them something, too.

With love, CALVIN LEDFORD.

1105 Fourth Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl six years old. I live way up in Akron, Ohio this year, but hope you will find me just the same. I want you to please bring me a bathrobe, tea-set, a doll, some oranges, nuts and candy. I will be pleased also with anything else you want to bring me. And Santa please don't forget my grandpas and grandmas, and little friends down there.

Will you also please be kind and visit the homes of the little children, whose fathers are out of work and bring them something, too.

Your little friend,
BYRDA NELL SOUTHARD.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 1, 1930.

Dear Santa:

I am glad to see your picture in the paper and know that you had the toys ready for girls and boys. Are you planning to come to see me this year? I hope so. I want a wagon, a pair of gloves, candy, oranges, apples, nuts.

Please don't forget sister. She wants a box of candy.

Your little friend,
GEORGE ROPER.

Ellijay, N. C. Dec. 2, 1930.

I am going to tell you what I want you to bring brother and I. I want you to bring me a big doll, tea set, a string of beads. Bring brother a red wagon, and a trumpet. Please bring each of us some oranges, nuts, gum, and candies. Think of daddy and mama, too.

Your little friend,
FREDA LEE MINCY.

Bethel School, Cullasaja, N. C. December 1, 1930.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. Please bring me a doll bed, a doll carriage, candy, SIX oranges, raisins, pears, a story book, a new doll. Be good to the other little girls and boys.

Your friend,
MARGIE CRAWFORD.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GIVE OATH TO OFFICERS

The county commissioners at their regular meeting Monday, in addition to the regular routine of business, approved the official bonds of A. B. Slagle, sheriff; Frank I. Murray, clerk superior court; C. T. Bryson, register of deeds; Lake Ledford, surveyor; C. M. Moore, coroner; Joe Sweetman, constable of Cartoogechaye township; John Dills, constable Smith's Bridge township.

T. J. Johnston was appointed county attorney.

The year 1931 being the time for the revaluation of property for taxation, Sam L. Franks was appointed as tax supervisor.