

NEW BRIDGE TO BE BUILT SOON

C. W. Slagle Dies at Age of 83 State Road Body Expected To Let Contract Friday

FUNERAL RITES SET FOR TODAY

Services To Be Held At Mt. Zion Church At 11 O'clock

MASONS WILL AID

Heart Attack Ends Life of Aged and Prominent Man

Charles W. Slagle, one of Macon county's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home on Cartoogechay about seven miles west of Franklin.

Mr. Slagle, who was 83 years old, had been in failing health for several years. His death was attributed to heart disease and a slight touch of pneumonia.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock this morning at the Mt. Zion Methodist church, of which he had been a faithful member for many years, with the Rev. John Teague, pastor, officiating. Burial rites will be conducted by members of the Junaluske Lodge No. 145, A. F. & A. M., of which Mr. Slagle was the oldest and one of the most loyal members. He had been a prominent Mason for more than 60 years.

Surviving Mr. Slagle are three children, Sheriff A. B. Slagle and Carl Slagle, and Mrs. R. A. Patton, all of this county. His wife died some years ago.

Mr. Slagle was perhaps the largest landholder in this county. It is said he could stand on a mountain and look over six square miles, mostly timberland—all his own.

For a number of years he was an outstanding leader in the Democratic party in Macon county and for a long period he served as a member of the board of county commissioners. He was deeply interested in the unbuilding of this section.

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Auto Driver Held in Jail After Seriously Injuring Boy, 5, Playing in Street

Rufus Pannell, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pannell, is in a serious condition at Angel Brothers' hospital, and Ray Miller, who was reported to have been the driver of an automobile wrecker which ran into the child Monday afternoon, is being held in the Macon county jail without bond.

Young Pannell's left arm was crushed above the elbow, necessitating amputation at the shoulder. He also suffered three broken ribs and a punctured lung, and his condition has been complicated by the development of pneumonia.

Miller is charged with assault with a deadly weapon. No bond has been set or hearing date scheduled pending outcome of the injured child's condition. It was reported to Chief of Police Bob Henry, who arrested Miller, that the wrecker car he was driving bore no license plates and that the machine's brakes would not work. Miller was said to have been driving the car for Angel's garage. His brother, George Miller, was with him.

The Pannell boy was playing in the street near his home in East Franklin with Bruce Bryant, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Bryant. Bruce also was struck by the truck. He was knocked down and slightly bruised, but was said to have suffered no serious injury.

Legislature Still at It; Sales Tax Now Is Problem

Law-makers Setting New Endurance Record At Raleigh

BY CARL GOERCH

RALEIGH, March 25.—It wouldn't surprise me in the slightest to see a riot start up in Raleigh at any time.

The boys are getting so mad that their's no telling what will happen next. They're fighting each other now, instead of fighting for lower taxes.

Oh, treasure of my heart! Now hark to what I tell thee, Ere moving to depart.

Become a lawyer if you wish; A doctor or a barber. Against these not a single grudge Doth mankind ever harbor.

Become a farmer or a clown— Or even be a waiter. But for the love of Pete, my son— Don't be a legislator!

Short Ballot Beaten

The short ballot bill got sat on last week. And that uncovered a lot of opposition which, until then, had kept itself more or less in hiding. You see, there are some members of the legislature who never have been and who never can be actual leaders. They resent the idea of anyone else attaining any prominence along those lines. The Hon. O. Max has been doing some mighty effective leading during the last couple of months, and some of the boys don't like it. They're now snapping and yipping at his heels like a bunch of terriers. What they're trying to do is to tear him down, even though they may have to tear down some mighty good bills in order to accomplish their purpose.

Liquor Bill Defeated

The drug store liquor bill didn't stand much of a show. What's the sense of loading up all our drug stores with liquor when you can go out into the country and get all you please? Useless and entirely unnecessary.

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'Short Route' Directions To Be Marked in Georgia

A group of local citizens have undertaken to see to it that no more tourists travelling from Atlanta to Asheville fail to come by the "Short Route" via Franklin, which makes the distance from the Georgia metropolis and the Duncas city 57 miles closer over hard-surfaced road than any other route.

Police Chief Bob Henry, Clarence S. Brown, manager of the Scott Griffin hotel; J. S. Conley, local manager for the Standard Oil company, and Jim Palmer, also connected with the Standard Oil company, went to Cornelia and

Singing Convention To Be Held Sunday

Singers from all sections of the county are expected to participate in the Macon county quarterly singing convention to be held Sunday, beginning at 9:30 o'clock in the morning, at the Piney Grove Baptist church. J. M. Raby, president of the convention, is especially desirous of getting out a good crowd for this quarterly meeting and has extended a cordial invitation to all singers and choirs in the county to attend and take part in the program.

PLAN SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE

Father of Methodist Church Pastor To Preach

A special series of Holy Week services will start at the Franklin Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. J. O. Ervin, father of the local pastor and himself the pastor of the Maiden Methodist church, will preach in all the services through Friday evening. His theme for next Sunday morning is "The Death of Jesus—Its Meaning." Rev. Mr. Ervin has held pastoring in Charlotte, Asheville, Rutherfordton, Mount Airy, Dallas, Burnsville, Lenoir, and Maiden.

A baptismal service for infants and children will be held just before the regular preaching service Sunday morning. All parents with children they wish baptized are urged to bring them to this service.

Mr. Ervin will preach at Carson's Chapel Sunday afternoon. A special Good Friday service will be held at the Methodist church Friday, April 3, from 12 to 3 o'clock. Seven ministers will speak on the "seven last words." The following ministers will speak: Rev. Mr. Murray, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church; Rev. Mr. Flanagan, Rev. J. O. Ervin; Rev. Mr. Crowson, of Highlands; Rev. H. C. Freeman, and Rev. J. C. Umberger. There will also be several special musical numbers on the program. This is a community service, and every person in the community is urged to attend at least a part of the service.

MRS. BULGIN'S BURIAL TO BE HERE SUNDAY

The body of Mrs. Lawrence Bulgin, daughter of W. B. McGuire of Franklin, who died Friday, March 13, in Tacoma, Wash., is being brought to Franklin for burial.

Mrs. McGuire, who went to Tacoma some weeks ago to be with Mrs. Bulgin, her step-daughter, during her illness, is returning on the same train, bringing with her the late Mrs. Bulgin's three-week-old child. They are expected to reach Asheville on the Carolina Special at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mrs. Bulgin's body will be brought immediately to Franklin for burial at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Only committal services will be conducted, other rites having been held in Tacoma.

Mayor Patton Back From New York City

Mayor George Patton has returned from New York, where he and Lyles Harris went recently to confer with officials of a large chain store organization in the hopes of interesting them in establishing a cannery in Macon county. The mayor said he had no announcement to make at this time concerning the outcome of the conferences.

Work—and time will restore prosperity.—John E. Andrus, New York's only multimillionaire subway strap—er.

DEATH CLAIMS AGED RESIDENT

E. K. Cunningham Dies At Age of 75 after Operation

Mr. Cunningham, 75, prominent Macon county business man, who died at Angel Brothers' hospital here last Thursday evening at 6 o'clock, was conducted at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. G. Clifton Ervin, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiated.

Mr. Cunningham's death followed an operation last Monday. He was in a serious condition when taken to the hospital, and little hope was held for recovery.

PLANS TO REOPEN BANK MOVE SLOWLY

Plans to reopen the Bank of Franklin, closed since December 16, are progressing slowly, according to members of the joint committee named by the depositors and directors to endeavor to revive the institution.

A few hold-out depositors, it was reported, are holding up the reopening. Meanwhile, considerable concern has developed in view of the fact that a new banking commission, independent of the Corporation Commission, is expected to be appointed. It is thought possible that the new commission might wish to change the conditions of reopening stipulated by the Corporation Commission, which has required that 95 per cent of the deposits be frozen. Something over 92 per cent of the deposits already have been tied up, by agreement of the depositors, until October, 1933.

FATHER-SON BANQUET HELD

Agricultural Vocational Class Entertains at High School

The Young Tar Heel Farmers' Club composed of the students of agriculture of the Franklin High school, were hosts to a Father and Son banquet on last Friday evening in the high school auditorium. About one hundred attended.

Besides the fathers, guests included G. L. Hook, principal of the high school; W. B. Barnard, C. H. McClure and Wade Gibson, county commissioners; Dr. S. H. Lyle, Lawrence Ramsey and Alex Moore, county board of education; E. S. Sloan, county agent; Colmer Harris, vocational instructor of Robbinsville.

Mr. Hook spoke on Progress in Agriculture in Macon County, expressed great hope for agricultural improvement from the younger generation. Senator Capper of Kansas said that if vocational agriculture had been taught 25 years ago there would be no need of farm relief today. Mr. Hook quoted Mr. Meacham, the instructor, stressed the importance of the operation of the fathers in their sons' project work, placing emphasis on keeping of farm accounts.

Short talks by others present followed, while a delightful musical program by the orchestra and individual members completed the evening's entertainment. 25 members of the club reserved their "Future Farmers of America" pins, and appreciation was expressed to Miss Beam and her Home Economics girls who so successfully prepared and served the banquet, by Sexton Vinson, toastmaster.

Lam for the 18th amendment and for strict enforcement of prohibition. Civilization has passed the whiskey era. Former Secretary of Tarasany William G. McAfee.

The out-of-town relatives attending the funeral here Sunday were: James and Robert Cunningham, grandsons of Durham; Mrs. W. D. Moore, granddaughter, of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Frank Bass, niece, of Waynesville; Nat W. Gennett, of Asheville; Miss Virginia Mizner, ReidCrawford, Asheville; Mr. and Mrs. W. McKinney, of Asheville; W. D. Moore, Atlanta, Ga.; J. A. Fulmer, of New Orleans, brother of Mrs. Cunningham; Mr. and Mrs. Seroop Enloe and daughter of Sylva, and Mrs. Parson Kincaid, of Sylva; Mr. and Mrs. Broyles, of Webster; Mr. Joseph Hooker, of Sylva; Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Weaver, of Dillard, Ga.

Approach of town election fails to draw candidates

An election for mayor and six aldermen for the town of Franklin has been called for Tuesday, May 5, but as yet no one has filed notice of candidacy.

Asked last night whether he would run again for office, Mayor George Patton said he had not decided.

Formal notice of the election has been run in The Press for two weeks.

C. T. Blaine has been appointed registrar and Alex Moore and J. B. Pendergrass named judges. A new registration will be unnecessary but the registration books will be open until April 25 for the benefit of those who are not now listed as voters.

An election of town officers also is to be held in Highlands on May 5. J. A. Hines has been named registrar and G. D. Edwards and C. C. Potts, judges. The town board in Highlands has voted to increase the annual salary of the mayor from \$50 to \$100 and to pay \$25 a year to the aldermen, who hitherto have served without salary.

Proposed Structure To Be Built Above Present One TO RELOCATE ROAD

Work Already Started Looking Toward Paving No. 28

Bids for the construction of a new bridge over the Little Tennessee river, near the town limits of Franklin, with concrete approaches, are to be opened by the State Highway Commission in Raleigh tomorrow.

W. A. MacNeill, resident engineer for the Highway Commission, has been notified of acceptance of his plans for the new bridge, locating it about 50 feet upstream from the present structure, with the western approach on the opposite side of the old Indian mound from the present road. This will eliminate the dangerous curve around the northern end of the mound.

Commissioners Agree

The county commissioners agreed to the plans for the new bridge, which is to be constructed entirely with federal funds, after they were informed that without their approval the money available might be used for construction of a bridge at another point farther down the river.

If the Highway Commission approves any of the bids to be submitted tomorrow, it is regarded as likely that little time will be lost in proceeding with actual construction work.

Plans call for construction of concrete surfacing from the foot of the hill at the intersection of Main and Palmer streets to Shook's store on the other side of the bridge, a distance of about a quarter of a mile.

Start Quarrying

Work already has been started looking toward surfacing of Highway No. 28 from Gneiss to Highlands. About 10 men are now employed in quarrying stone at Short Creek, above the lower falls in Callassee gorge. The rock crushed recently shipped to Franklin has not been moved to the site of the quarry but this is expected to be done within a few days.

Mr. MacNeill stated yesterday that he expected actual road work to begin about April 5. When this is started considerably more men than now employed will be put to work. The resident engineer said that local labor will be used as far as possible.

The old road camp bunk house on No. 28 has been torn down and reconstructed nearer the site of the quarrying operations.

15-Months-Old Child Is Injured in Fall

Margaret Christine Neely, 15-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neely, of Highlands, crawled through the porch banister at her home and fell six feet to the ground Wednesday afternoon, last week. One eye was seriously injured and her body badly shaken and bruised. The child was rushed to Angel Brothers' hospital in Franklin, where it was reported she would recover.

The child's father is in charge of the Highlands power plant.

No Service Sunday at Presbyterian Church

There will be no preaching services at the local Presbyterian church on Sunday morning. The congregation has been invited to worship with the congregation of the Methodist church in the opening services of the protracted meeting to be held there during the week. The usual Sunday school exercises under the supervision of Mr. J. E. Lancaster, superintendent, will be conducted at 10 a. m. at the church.