

# BANK PLANS TO REOPEN SOON

## Nantahala Supervisor Wood To Be Transferred

### JOHN B. BYRNE TO COME HERE

New Supervisor Formerly Associated With Franklin Office

PRaised BY WOOD  
Present Supervisor To Go To Forest in West Virginia

Effective May 1, Supervisor Arthur A. Wood of the Nantahala National forest, with headquarters in Franklin, will become supervisor of the Monongahela National forest in West Virginia, and John B. Byrne, now connected with the headquarters of the Pisgah National forest in Asheville, will succeed Mr. Wood as chief of the forestry office here. Announcement of the changes was made at the Nantahala forest headquarters Saturday.

Supervisor Wood came to Franklin in October 1927 from the Shenandoah National forest in Virginia, with headquarters at Harrisonburg, Va. During his supervision over the Nantahala forest approximately 100,000 acres have been added to the forest's territory. He also has greatly improved the roads and trails of the forest and has extended the fire communication system.

Active in Civic Life  
Mr. Wood also has found time to take an active part in the civic life of Franklin. He is a member of the Franklin Rotary club, and of the Presbyterian church.

The new supervisor of the Monongahela National forest is a native of West Virginia. He was born and reared in the Lost River Valley in Hardy county, West Virginia, and still is a land owner there. He has had eighteen years intensive training in the forest service, coming up through the ranks as an ordinary employe. He first entered the service as a member of an acquisition crew in the Shenandoah forest. In 1914 he became a ranger in which capacity he continued until 1925. He was then promoted to assistant supervisor of the Shenandoah National forest from which position he was promoted in 1927 to supervise the Nantahala forest, which covers approximately 350,000 acres in North and South Carolina and Georgia.

Likes Franklin  
"My stay in this section has been very pleasant," Supervisor Wood said in announcing his transfer. "I feel that the greater part of the people of the community in and adjacent to the Nantahala forest are favorable to the policies and purposes of the protection scheme of the forest service. While some incardiness exists there is an overwhelming majority of the people is against burning, and cooperating most heartily with the work of the service. During my stay in Franklin I have made a great many friends, and have developed a personal attachment for the community and its people. Of course I will regret to leave Franklin."

Byrne Well Known  
Mr. Byrne, the new supervisor for the Nantahala forest, needs no introduction to Franklin, as he was connected with this forest from 1926 to 1930. He left here in May of last year when he was promoted to the position of assistant supervisor of the Pisgah National forest with headquarters in Asheville. Mr. Byrne is a native of California, and a graduate of the School of Forestry of the University of California. He has had a broad experience in practical forestry having been connected with the Southern Forest Experiment station, with headquarters at New Orleans, and having served as a ranger on the Alabama-Bennig forest. He came to Franklin first in the capacity of Technical Assistant in the Supervisor's office.

### New Forestry Head



JOHN B. BYRNE

### ROTARY CLUB PRAISES WOOD

#### Regret Expressed in His Transfer To Post in West Virginia

The Franklin Rotary Club at its regular weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday adopted the following resolution expressing regret in the transfer of Supervisor A. A. Wood of the Nantahala National forest to the Monongahela National forest in West Virginia and lauding his work while stationed in Franklin:

The announcement that Rotarian Arthur Wood will leave Franklin May 1st has been received with genuine regret. We feel that the Rotary Club will suffer a keen loss in his removal from our midst. He is a man of strong personality and has been most faithful and loyal at all times. Most zealously has he served as an officer or on major committees to establish and uphold the ideals of Rotary.

As Forestry Supervisor, he has been untiring in his efforts to advance the forestry work for the benefit of the people of this district and has been unusually successful in winning their confidence and securing their cooperation.

As a church member he has been faithful in attendance and has given liberally of his time and means and his faithful and loyal interest in every endeavor has been very helpful to all who have labored with him.

As a citizen he has constantly taken advantage of every opportunity to aid in the upbuilding of the community. As fellow Rotarians we wish to express our appreciation of his splendid Christian character, his life of distinct usefulness, his fine example of devotion and loyalty to duty, for all these have strengthened us who have served with him (Continued on page six)

### Peddlers Required To Pay Daily License Fee of \$5

The town board at its regular monthly meeting Monday night adopted an ordinance to protect Franklin merchants against peddlers from outside the county who hitherto have enjoyed trade benefits here without paying any form of county or town taxes.

The ordinance requires peddlers of fruit and produce grown outside of Macon county to pay a license fee of \$5 a day. The new regulation, however, would not prohibit peddlers from outside the county from selling their produce or fruit to merchants. It requires the license fee only from hucksters retailing foreign fruit and produce. Macon county farmers are permitted to sell their products on the streets or from door to door, as

### TO ASK HOOVER TO VISIT MACON

Rotary Club Planning To Extend Invitation To President

### CABINET IS ASKED

Guy L. Houk Is Elected New President of Local Club

President Hoover and members of his cabinet are to be invited to visit the Nantahala National forest.

The Franklin Rotary club, at its regular weekly luncheon meeting yesterday, voted to extend an invitation to the president and his cabinet members to come here early in May.

Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior and close personal friend and advisor of the president, already has announced plans for a "cabinet fishing party" in the Great Smoky Mountains Park. The group is expected to arrive in Asheville about May 10 and after a stay of a day or so there to move on to Waynesville and the Cataloochee section for an inspection of the park area and a bit of trout fishing.

### Committee Named

The fishing of this section, especially within the borders of the Nantahala National forest, is far famed, and the Franklin Rotary Club hopes that it can induce the cabinet party and Mr. Hoover to come to Macon county for a day or so. Anyway it is going to extend an invitation. To this end a committee was appointed yesterday, as follows:

Arthur A. Wood, supervisor of the Nantahala National forest, chairman; Mayor George Patton; the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church and president of the Rotary club, and Sam L. Franks.

### Elect Officers

The Rotary Club also elected new officers as follows: Guy L. Houk, president; J. Arthur Flanagan, vice president; J. Earle Lancaster, secretary and treasurer; H. D. Rice, Sam L. Franks, Jess Conley, Henry W. Cate, directors.

### WOMAN'S CLUB IS CALLED TO MEET MONDAY

A special meeting of the Franklin Woman's Club has been called for 2:30 o'clock next Monday afternoon by Miss Elizabeth Kelly, president of the club. Plans for the proposed azalea festival on Wayah Bald during June will be discussed. A proposal to entertain editors attending the National Editorial Association convention in Atlanta in June also is to be considered.

### MANY MACON BILLS PASSED

Dr. W. A. Rogers Outlines Outcome of County's Legislation

### FEE SYSTEM RESTORED

County Put Under State Primary Law; Tax Bills Killed

The North Carolina General Assembly is still in session, ranting and wrangling over the sales tax and other statewide problems, but most of Macon's legislative program already has been enacted, according to Dr. W. A. Rogers, this county's representative in the lower house.

Dr. Rogers, who returned from Raleigh 10 days ago to devote his efforts to the reopening of the Bank of Franklin, of which he is president, outlined the outcome of Macon county bills this week.

Fee System Restored  
Chief among the bills passed which he introduced were those to reduce the number of members of the county school board and to restore the fee system for county officers.

Three other important local bills—one to defer tax foreclosure actions until December, the second to reduce the cost of advertising tax foreclosure sales, and the third to abolish tax penalties and discounts—were referred to a committee for inclusion in an omnibus measure which is still pending.

### Put Under Primary

Dr. Rogers' bill to place Macon county under the statewide primary law was enacted but the election bill sent down to Raleigh by J. H. Stockton, former register of deeds, and introduced by Dr. Rogers, was referred to committee and thus far has not received action.

The latter measure called for repeal of the absentee ballot law insofar as this county is concerned. A bill to provide for the assumption and payment by the state of the principal and interest of bonds issued by this county and lent to the state highway commission was killed in committee. It is expected, however, that provision for this will be made under the new statewide highway act.

### New School Board

The county school board bill which was passed reduces the number of members from five to three and names as members of the new board Dr. S. H. Lyle, Alex Moore and Lawrence Ramsey.

Another bill introduced by Dr. Rogers which was enacted abolishes fees for any county officers for the "seizure of any vehicle, automobile or other conveyance in which liquor is being transported or for producing evidence to convict any person or persons for violation of the prohibition laws in Macon county, except their regular fees for arresting offenders or for seizing distilleries as provided by section 3401 of the Consolidated Statutes.

operating an automobile in Macon. A bill to lower the fine for county-wide drunk from \$25 to \$10 was passed.

Justices of the peace for Macon were named in an omnibus bill as follows:

Macon: Franklin, Sam Murray, Carl Slagle, W. T. Moore; Millsboro, B. W. Justice; Elijay, Sam Bryson, Parker Moore; Sugar Fork, A. J. Evans, Albert Potts; Highlands, Frank Potts, W. S. Davis; Roy Phillips; Elatts, M. S. Barnette; Smith's Bridge, John M. Cate, Will Ledbetter; Cartersville, Dan Sweetman, Grace Fleming; Nantahala No. 1, Crain Stephens; Nantahala No. 2, Jim Shields, Reid Cate; Burningtown, Bob Edwards; Cowee, J. P. Bryson, Furman Guy.

Interest of Johnston county farmers in dairying was shown by the recent purchase of seven purebred Jersey bulls and one heifer at a sale recently sponsored by the county agent.

## Time Deposit Certificates First Must Be Exchanged; Working Capital Arranged

### Time Depositors Advised To Get New Certificates

Following is a copy of the letter sent by M. D. Billings, liquidating agent of the Bank of Franklin, to all holders of certificates of time deposits in the bank:

Franklin, N. C. April 6, 1931.

Dear Sir or Madam:  
Mr. Albert H. Blake of the State Banking Department, is in Franklin for the purpose of reopening the Bank of Franklin. He advises us that before this can be done it will be necessary for the interest to be figured on all time deposit certificates and new certificates issued including this interest. Unless something unforeseen happens, the bank will reopen as quickly as this exchange of time deposit certificates has all been made. You will please, therefore, present yours at the Bank of Franklin immediately.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) M. D. Billings,  
Liquidating Agent, Bank of Franklin.

### Representative of New Banking Department Sent Here

### BOARD HAS MEETING

### Little or No Difficulty Expected in Issuing New Certificates

Albert H. Blake, of Asheville, a representative of the newly created State Banking Department, has come to Franklin to supervise negotiations for the reopening of the Bank of Franklin, closed since December 16.

The affairs of the bank are in good condition, according to Mr. Blake, and prospects are good for reopening of the institution in the near future, but before this can be accomplished it will be necessary for the holders of time deposit certificates to exchange them for new certificates. Interest on the old certificates to the date of the bank's closing has been figured and the new certificates will be issued in the amount of the principal and the interest, according to a circular letter sent out by M. D. Billings, liquidating agent of the bank.

### Urges Speedy Exchange

Mr. Billings, Mr. Blake and officials of the bank have requested that the holders of time certificates lose no time in having them exchanged, as the bank's reopening is dependent on completion of this work. If depositors are negligent in exchanging their certificates, it was declared, the success of the movement that has been under way for the past six weeks to reopen the institution may be jeopardized.

### Capital Obtained

At a meeting of the board of directors last week arrangements were made to secure the cash capital required by the Banking Department for reopening. Another meeting of the board was held Wednesday, when plans for obtaining an early exchange of time certificates and other details for the reopening were outlined.

The whole question of reopening, Mr. Blake informed The Press last night, depends on how soon the time deposit certificates are exchanged. He said he expected little or no difficulty in getting the exchanges, but was careful to point out that if any difficulty should be experienced, it might thwart efforts to reopen the institution.

Mr. Blake has supervised the reopening of 10 Western North Carolina banks, among them the banks at Murphy, Hayesville, Waynesville, Weaverville and Leicester. The same procedure was followed at all of these places, he said, and little trouble was experienced in the exchange of time deposit paper.

The general opinion in Franklin yesterday was that the bank would be open and doing business again within a week or ten days. With the spread of this opinion there was a very noticeable improvement in the general attitude among business men of the county. From various quarters came information that the volume of trade was increasing and that general business conditions were steadily improving.

Another meeting of the bank's board of directors is to be called before the reopening.

### PARENT-TEACHER GROUP TO NAME OFFICERS FRIDAY

The Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular meeting at the High School Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Election of officers will take place and all members are urged to be present.

### Surprised Entering Store, Thieves Succeed in Escape

### QUICK FREIGHT IS INAUGURATED

### Tallah Falls Railway Offers Overnight Atlanta Service

Announcement of overnight freight service to Franklin from Atlanta has been made by J. F. Gray, receiver for the Tallah Falls Railway company.

Merchandise loaded before 5 o'clock in the afternoon in Atlanta now will be unloaded here the following day. Hitherto it has required several days for the delivery of freight from Atlanta.

The following announcement has been sent to Franklin and Atlanta patrons of the Tallah Falls railway:

"In September 1929 this railway commenced the operation of a daily freight train. The daily service is still in effect for your convenience. All class freight rates were reduced in October and November 1930. You now enjoy the advantage of rates which are just as low as in effect on any railway in the country—large or small.

"We now announce through merchandise service from Atlanta, Ga., effective today. Freight delivered to Station in Atlanta before 5 p. m., (Continued on page six)

### Bloodhounds Scent Trail To House Few Miles From Franklin

Police Chief Bob Henry surprised two young men about midnight Tuesday as they were attempting to break into the W. C. Cunningham store on Main street, but the youths escaped after a chase.

Chief Henry fired two shots into the air in the hope that the culprits would be frightened into halting but the discharges served rather to hasten their flight.

Bloodhounds were brought from Asheville and in the early morning Wednesday followed a trail to a home about three miles from Franklin but no arrests were made on account of failure to find stolen goods. Chief Henry said he had a good idea who the marauders were but was unwilling to state their names pending further investigations.

It was discovered Tuesday that the store had been entered from the rear Monday night and an undetermined quantity of goods removed. So Tuesday night Chief Henry secreted himself in the building and awaited a return of the thieves. His vigil was rewarded when he heard an effort at entry being made. The robbers, however, fled at his approach and escaped.

### Drunken Negro Chooses Sheriff's Home To Rest

Roy Pickens, Sylva negro, picked the wrong place to rest his weary and liquor-soaked bones.

Roy came to Franklin last Saturday night with a crowd of other negroes out for a joy ride. Either he was adventurous and independent or a bore to the party, for he became separated from his fellow revellers, and thereon hangs a tale that landed him in the county jail.

Feeling sleepy and having developed that impression of personal importance that makes a man think he owns all he surveys, as is frequently the case when he has partaken of the "one too many" Roy found a house, entered and made himself comfortable by the fire. By an unfortunate coincidence, the house happened to be that of Sheriff Burt Slagle.

The sheriff was away, and so were his folks. When Mrs. Slagle and her children returned home

after attending a meeting at the Methodist church they were much surprised to say nothing of being terrified, at finding this dusky visitor. A neighbor man came to their aid, but Roy was bold and said that inasmuch as he was resting comfortably it would fare ill with any who chose to disturb him.

However, when Police Chief Bob Henry arrived on the scene Roy was in more humble frame of mind and meekly followed him to jail. Now Roy faces charges of being intoxicated and forcing his way into a home. Hearing was set for Monday but was continued until Friday.

Strangely, Roy, when found, had no hat or shoes. Furthermore his socks were fairly clean, although it was muddy outdoors. This has greatly perplexed Chief Henry and has proved a most interesting problem to amateur detectives.