

PRESS MOVES INTO NEW OFFICE

COUNTY AUDIT IS UNDER WAY

R. C. Birmingham, Public Accountant, Starts Check-Up

IS DIFFICULT TASK Accounting To Cover County Books Since December, 1928

R. C. Birmingham, certified public accountant of Charlotte, began this week the task of auditing the accounts of Macon county since the first Monday in December, 1928.

Mr. Birmingham said that he could not tell exactly how long it would take him to complete the job, but that it would require at least several weeks. He was employed by the county commissioners some time ago on a contract basis of \$750, according to W. D. Barnard, chairman of the commission.

Audit Badly Needed

It was stated in a recent report filed by Mr. Birmingham on an audit he made of the Macon county school finances that the general county records were in such condition that "it was found utterly impossible to effect a reconciliation of the cash account as between the county superintendent (of schools) and the treasurer."

The report also added: "For the same reason it also was found impossible to establish a statement of cash receipts and disbursements."

This, the accountant carefully pointed out, was due to the condition of the county's books and not to those of M. D. Billings, superintendent of schools. He said he found Mr. Billings' accounts in excellent shape.

Mr. Birmingham is an accountant of wide experience in county and municipal auditing. He has been employed by the city of Charlotte and a number of other local governing bodies in this state at various times.

Gets Added Income By Making Rag Rugs

An added income of about \$400 a year in addition to the returns from her small farm of 20 acres is secured by Mrs. Minnie Tyson of Carthage, Moore county, from the sale of rag rugs made at home during spare time.

"Mrs. Tyson began making rugs when she was a child," says Mrs. Walter Ryals, home agent of Moore county. "She has made a number with very beautiful designs from time to time in past years. The only rugs in her home were those which she had made. Last year, she began to make them for sale. One rug that she made about 21 years ago was sold to a winter resident of the Sandhills for \$175. As a usual thing, Mrs. Tyson gets from \$20 to \$25 each for her rugs."

Mrs. Ryals says this energetic farm woman gets woolen, cotton and silk garments which have been cast off, dyes these in an iron pot in her yard, cuts them into strips and then weaves the rugs into beautiful and intricate designs that are much in demand. The rugs have a base of sound tow sacks and are hemmed to prevent any unraveling. The dyes used are the best obtainable and are mixed at home.

DE LEAST ENJOYED JOKE BOOK IN DE WORLD IS DE FAMBLBY ALBUM



Dimah SAYS

Invitation Golf Tourney To Be Held on Franklin Course August 10 to 12

A three-day invitation golf tournament, in which golfers from all over Western North Carolina are expected to play, will be held on the Franklin course beginning Monday, August 10.

The best golfers from North Georgia, as well as from various Western North Carolina towns, will also be invited to enter the tourney, "arrangements for which are being made by G. L. Houk, C. S. Brown, J. S. Conley and B. W. Johnson.

Play will begin with an 18-hole qualification round at 9 o'clock in the morning of August 10, but entrants may qualify at any time during the day.

On Tuesday, August 11, the first round of match play will start at 9:30 a. m. The semi-finals will begin at 2 o'clock the same afternoon. Both the first round and the semi-finals will be for 18 holes.

The finals will be two 18-hole matches on Wednesday, August 12, one starting at 9:30 o'clock in the morning and the last round at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

No green fees will be charged. The entrance fee will be \$2.50.

Plans are being made to entertain the visiting golfers by Mr. Brown and Mr. Conley. It is likely that a dance will be given at the Scott Griffin hotel one evening during the tourney.

3 Singing Conventions Scheduled for August

ASKS MORE AID FOR RED CROSS

An appeal for cooperation with the Red Cross was voiced this week by Miss Elizabeth Kelly, chairman of the Macon county chapter of the national relief organization.

Miss Kelly pointed out that each community in the county should have a representative on the local chapter's committee which handles all requests for aid. She also suggested that those who refer needy persons to the Red Cross for help might also aid the organization with contributions to its support.

"You have, perhaps, heard the phrase: 'Put up, or shut up.' That is the message I would like to send to folks who do not do any giving to the Red Cross but who do a lot of sending of needy ones for help to the ones of us who are trying to do much with little.

"Our plan is to have a representative in each community in Macon county who will take a bit of time and trouble to the end that the real needs of their communities may be known. These representatives compose the Macon county Red Cross committee. This committee meets on Saturday afternoon before the first Monday of each month. The meeting place is the Gift Shoppe next door to Kelly's Tea Room. The time is two o'clock in the afternoon.

"If your community has no representative on the committee we would be glad to have one volunteer to come to the meeting next Saturday. There can be no aid from the Red Cross Chapter to anyone in a community that does not have a representative on this committee. The reason is this: There is no money for traveling expenses and none for paying workers. We must depend upon some suitable person as a committee member in each section of the county to tell us who is needing help in that section. No aid will be given until the request has been favorably passed by this committee member.

"As soon as the loan closet begins to function we will publish a list of donors and the rules of making the loans. People have been generous and we hope to begin sending these things out the first of August. This meeting on next Saturday is most important to your community. If you have no part in it you can blame yourself with it."

Mrs. Margaret Higdon, 84, Is Honored on Birthday

Mrs. Margaret Higdon celebrated her 84th birthday anniversary last Sunday with a birthday dinner at the old Higdon homeplace at Higdonville.

There were 54 children, grandchildren and near relatives present, and a big picnic dinner was enjoyed by all present.

The children present were: Mr. Jim Higdon, of Higdonville; Mr.

Dates for Quarterly and 2 Division Meets Are Announced

Three singing conventions will meet during the month of August in Macon county.

According to a notice given by H. D. Dean, president, and Carl D. Morgan, secretary, the northern division of the Macon County Singing Convention will meet at Cowee Baptist church on August 8 and 9, beginning at 10 a. m. Saturday, August 8, singing by the convention will be until 11:30, followed by a talk on the power and effects of music by the Rev. G. A. Clair.

After organization at 1 o'clock, class singing will proceed, and all classes are urged to be present. Visiting classes will be recognized and welcomed.

The Southern Division of the Macon County Singing convention will meet at Sugar Fork Baptist church Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9, according to an announcement received from J. M. Holt and Austin Snyder, president and secretary, respectively, of this division. All singers and singing classes are urged to attend the gathering and make it the best singing convention ever held by the Southern Division. All persons attending are requested to bring well filled picnic baskets.

J. M. Raby, president, announces that the next quarterly singing convention will meet with Tellico church on the first Sunday in August at 9:30 a. m. Mr. Raby reminds the visiting classes of a motion that was passed at Cowee requesting all to bring a lunch for the noon meal, as it is too burdensome on any community to feed the multitudes that attend these conventions.

Congregation of St. Agnes Plans Church Supper

The congregation of St. Agnes Episcopal church will give a supper in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Norvin C. Duncan on the lawn of the church, on Tuesday evening, August 4, at 7 o'clock. Both young and old will attend, and will share in an enjoyable program that is being planned, with short speeches and toasts, music and singing. The entertainment will be in the nature of a get-together meeting of all members of the congregation and their families. The supper will be served by the Ladies of St. Agnes Guild.

T. B. Higdon, of Allanta, Ga.; Mr. Sam Higdon, of Sylva; Mrs. Dennis Higdon, of Webster; Mrs. Jane Fulton, of Gneiss, and Mrs. Eva Keener, of Higdonville. Mrs. Higdon is making her home with her son, T. B. Higdon, in Allanta. She is the mother of Mr. W. L. Higdon, of Franklin, who was unable to attend the dinner on account of his illness.

OIL COMPANIES BEING PROBED

D. G. Brummitt, Attorney General, Launches Inquiry

COMPLAINTS FILED Illegal Combinations And Contracts Are Alleged

RALEIGH, July 23.—Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt this week conducted an important investigation into the operations of the major oil companies operating in North Carolina.

Mr. Brummitt in recent weeks had received numerous complaints that the various companies were operating in violation of the state laws against illegal combinations, and that contracts they were making with filling station operators required exclusive use of the stations, also contrary to law.

So important to the people of North Carolina did Mr. Brummitt consider this matter, that he took personal charge of the investigation, and conducted it throughout. While he emphasized that the state has no right to set the price of any product, he pointed out that it does have the right to protect the trade channels of the state in such a manner that throttling of competition is eliminated.

Mr. Brummitt believes however that the business men of the state who operate small filling stations have a right to be protected from any encroachment of their right to sell whatsoever products they desire; and he also feels that an attempt to establish a monopoly in favor of some oil companies must be guarded against because of its eventual evil effect on the people as a whole, who have to pay the gasoline bills. This is something, he thinks, which is important to every citizen of the state; whether living in the cities or on the farms, because most of them drive automobiles.

The various contracts of the companies were explained. It was admitted that under certain leasing conditions competitive products are barred, but all of the companies have alternative contracts for those filling station operators who do not care to lease their stations.

Mr. Brummitt will study the evidence during the next six weeks and will announce his decision September first. If any violation of the laws are discovered, they will be revealed, and the companies held guilty will be vigorously prosecuted in the interests of the people of the state.

Ice Cream Supper To Be at Clark's Chapel

An ice cream supper will be given at Clark's Chapel on Friday, July 31.

Reunion To Be Held by Rickman Family Sunday

The descendants of the Rev. Marcet Rickman will meet at the home of R. A. Rickman on Cowee, on Sunday, August 1. It is hoped that everyone related to the Rickman family will come with a full basket.

WEINER ROAST ENJOYED

Quite a number of Highlands young people enjoyed the evening on Sunset Rocks last Thursday night. Hot dogs were roasted before a camp fire and afterward a watermelon consumed.

Ruben Stripes of Waukegan, Ill., charged Willie O'Bea of trying to bite off his nose, but O'Bea was released when he exposed a set of toothless gums.

Walking 12 miles a day is the job of Peggy Davis and Phyllis Robertshaw, testers of sport shoes and boots for a shoe factory in Liverpool.

Emil Pope was arrested and fined \$1 a foot for driving his automobile over 500 feet of newly laid concrete on a highway near Sherwood, Wis.

New Directory Issued By Telephone Company

Attractive new telephone directories—Summer Issue, 1931—have been distributed in Franklin, Highlands, Bryson City, Sylva and Clayton by the Western Carolina Telephone company, which serves all these towns and a number of rural communities besides.

The directory contains 28 pages of listings, telephone information and advertisements in a durable fawn-colored bristol cover. It is comparable to a large city directory. One of the new features is an explanation of long distance service on the inside back cover.

The directory was compiled by G. J. Johnson, manager of the telephone company, and was printed by The Franklin Press. --y 123456 7890 23456 456 56

HOLD BAPTIST MEETING SOON

Macon County Convention To Be at Pleasant Hill August 5

The Macon County Baptist association will hold its annual convention on Wednesday, August 5, at Pleasant Hill Baptist church.

The Rev. A. S. Solobee is moderator of the convention; H. D. Dean, vice moderator; R. M. Ledford, clerk; the Rev. J. R. Pendergrass, historian; and E. V. Ammons, treasurer.

An introductory sermon will be preached at the opening of this year's convention by the Rev. J. I. Vinson.

Following is a list of committee reports to be filed:

- 1. Stewardship and Endowment—J. I. Vinson.
- 2. State, Home and Foreign Missions—D. C. McCoy.
- 3. Temperance—D. G. Stewart.
- 4. Periodicals—J. R. Pendergrass.
- 5. Hospitals—W. T. Potts.
- 6. B. Y. P. U.—Johnny Rogers.
- 7. Sunday Schools—Paul Carpenter.
- 8. Ministerial Relief—Thos. Carter.
- 9. State of Churches—J. W. Bailey.
- 10. Christian Education—G. A. Cloer.
- 11. W. M. U.—Mrs. W. L. Higdon.

'Why Christians Fail' To Be Ervin's Topic

Rev. G. Clifton Ervin, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, will preach next Sunday morning on the theme, "Why Christians Fail." Special music will be rendered by the choir. At the evening hour Mr. Ervin will speak on the subject, "Sour Grapes." This will be the third of a series of talks based on the prophecy of Jeremiah.

BUILDING STARTED

Contractors Fulton and Hall are erecting a bungalow for Mr. and Mrs. N. Bilstein on the site in Highlands of their former cottage which was destroyed by fire last winter. Mr. and Mrs. Bilstein of Baltimore, for many years have been visitors here.

D. S. Grant, Bryson City, Dies; Formerly of Macon

Dock Sidney Grant, formerly a resident of the Cowee section, died at his home in Bryson City on July 21, following an illness of many months. Mr. Grant had many relatives and friends in Macon county who will regret to hear of his death.

The funeral service was held on July 22, at the Baptist church in Bryson City, of which he was a member, burial being in the Bryson City cemetery. The Rev. Dr. R. L. Creel was assisted in the services by Prof. Phil Elliott, of Cullowhee.

Mr. Grant was born in Macon county on December 3, 1872, a son

Now Established In Angel Building On Public Square

FLOWER SHOW ON SATURDAY

Attractive Prizes Are Offered in Variety Of Classes

The annual Macon County Flower show will be held Saturday in the building formerly occupied by Angel's Drug store. Those who intend to enter exhibits are requested to have them at the store by 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning so that they can be arranged and classified. This is especially requested in order that the judges might not be delayed in awarding the prizes. It is hoped this can be completed and the show opened to the public by noon.

The judging committee will arrive from Asheville at 11 o'clock and will be ready to proceed immediately with the selection of the best exhibits.

Everyone in the county who grows flowers is urged to enter exhibits. Wild flowers also are requested. There were 65 competitors in last year's flower show and even a larger number is hoped for and expected this year. The show will be sponsored by the Franklin Garden club, but anyone in the county is eligible to enter exhibits. The prizes to be awarded have been on display in the window of the People's Market.

There will be 18 classes in this year's show, as follows:

- 1. Finest collection of gladioli.
- 2. Best and most perfect delphinium.
- 3. Prettiest bowl of sweet-peas.
- 4. Finest collection of snapdragons.
- 5. Prettiest collection of wild flowers.
- 6. Largest variety of zinnias.
- 7. Best collection of dahlias.
- 8. Largest single dahlia.
- 9. Finest lily of any variety.
- 10. Prettiest variety of mixed flowers either in vase, bowl or basket.
- 11. Most unusual or newest flower.
- 12. Best potted flower.
- 13. Prettiest bowl or basket of roses.
- 14. Best miniature Japanese or American garden.
- 15. Most attractive miniature bouquet or miniature container of flowers.
- 16. For the best display of flowers given outside of Franklin.
- 17. Grand sweepstake.
- 18. There will also be a child's table and a child's party table which will be eligible for the grand sweepstake.

AUXILIARY REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE

The following delegates represented the Episcopal Woman's auxiliary of Highlands at the Episcopal conference at Krumpholtz Lake near Hendersonville, Friday: Mrs. W. S. Davis, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Caroline Hall, Miss B. Durbin and Mrs. James A. Hines.

Will Rogers Picks A Story For This Spot

By WILL ROGERS

I GUESS they still use switches on the school kids in some parts of the world. I've read something like that now and then, although I'd supposed they'd stopped licking kids at school a long time ago.

Anyhow, I heard about a boy that wasn't very good in school. He

Transfer Is Accomplished Without Halting Operations

UP-TO-DATE PLANT

Office To Be Located On Main Floor, Shop In Basement

The Franklin Press moved this week into its new quarters in the Angel building.

Other occupants of the building, one of the most modern in Western North Carolina, will be Angel's Drug store, Arnold's Cafe, C. T. Blaine's seed and plant store and Jacobs' barber shop.

Angel's Drug store has already moved in and Arnold's Cafe is planning to open for business on Saturday.

Difficult Task

Removal of The Press was a difficult task on account of the weight of the machinery and care necessary in its transfer and reassembly. Much of the machinery had to be dismantled and moved in sections. However, the change was accomplished without halting the regular business of publishing this newspaper and doing a large volume of job printing. This was done by moving one machine at a time and stopping the wheels of the presses and other machines only long enough to transfer power lines.

Modern Plant

In the new building The Press will have an office on the main floor, with an entrance on the Square, and a shop in the basement sufficient to accommodate all machinery and printing equipment, which includes: Newspaper press, two job printing presses, linotype type-casting machine, power saw trimmer, stereotype casting box, perforator, stapler, five electric motors, type cabinets, imposing tables, paper cutter and cabinets and numerous other fixtures and devices.

It will take several days for The Press to get settled in its new quarters, but we cordially invite all of the readers of this newspaper to come and inspect our new plant, one of the most modern and best equipped weekly newspaper and printing establishments in the state.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnston, of Paducah, Kentucky, announce the birth of their son, Bobby, Jr., on July 20.



came home terrible scared one night and told his mother he didn't want to go back to school any more. When the mother asked him what was up, he says, "Well, I don't mind getting slapped or whipped by the principal once in a while. But there was a couple of workmen over at the school when I came home tonight, and I heard one of them tell the teacher that they were ordered to put in an electric switch in the hall. Ordinary switches don't hurt much, but I'm afraid of an electric switching, and I ain't going to risk it!" (American News Features, Inc.)