

HIGHWAY BODY TO PUSH NO. 28

RELIEF DRIVE TO START SOON

Annual Red Cross Roll
Call To Start on
November 11

MEETING IS CALLED

Campaign Organization
Meeting To Be Held
Saturday

An organization meeting for the annual Red Cross roll call in Macon county has been called for noon Saturday at the Franklin high school by Miss Elizabeth Kelly, chairman of the local chapter of the national relief organization. In announcing the Red Cross meeting, which will follow a meeting of school teachers of the county, Miss Kelly made another request for contributions of clean second hand clothing, especially boys' clothing.

The roll call drive will start on Armistice Day and plans have been made for appropriate exercises in all of the schools.



Much Clothing Needed
"Calls are coming in daily for clothes for school children," Miss Kelly said. "We have several garments suitable for school girls, small girls and for infants, but none for school boys and it seems the boys are most in need. All clean second hand clothes can be used, but there will be need for shoes, sweaters, undergarments, stockings, and outer clothes as the cold weather comes. The money collected from the coming Red Cross drive will largely be used for this purpose. And what of the drive?"

"At the last meeting of teachers we asked that each teacher be considered a member of a committee for the school district in which that teacher is teaching. We asked further that the teacher find one other person in the community who might be chairman of the committee and who with the teacher or teachers select others to complete the Red Cross Committee for that school district. Some teachers have not yet sent in the name of the chairman in their respective districts.

Asks Cooperation

"Saturday, Oct. 24 is meeting day for county teachers at the Franklin high school building. This meeting will be followed by an organization meeting for the Red Cross drive which will begin Armistice Day and will continue until Thanksgiving. We are asking that all teachers in the county be present at this meeting and that there be at least one other present from each school district. We wish to repeat the fact that no help will be given in any school district that is not represented. It is impossible to give intelligent aid unless some one in the community is interested sufficiently to co-operate with the Red Cross. A community is most unfortunate if teacher and patrons have no interest in the welfare of its people as a whole. Please remember that while we are asking for at least one representative from each school district in addition to

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Meeting of Depositors Is Called for Saturday

A meeting of the depositors in the Bank of Franklin has been called for 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, October 24, at the courthouse, to consider a "matter of vital importance." Following is a copy of a circular letter mailed to depositors by the Depositors' Committee formed last winter:

Dear Fellow Depositor:

Before the Bank of Franklin reopened, you elected us as a committee to represent the depositors. There is a matter of vital importance for us to consider, and we will ask you to meet with us at the courthouse at two o'clock on Saturday, October 24, 1931. Please be sure to be there.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Dr. W. E. Furr
Joe Ashear
C. B. Russell
Depositors' Committee.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES MEET

Delegates from Several
Counties Attend
Meeting Here

A very interesting meeting was held in the Franklin Presbyterian church Tuesday, when the ladies of the Franklin auxiliary entertained representatives of the western group of the Asheville Presbyterian. Delegates from Andrews, Bryson City, Hayesville, Murphy, and Slagle Memorial churches, attended.

An interesting and instructive program had been prepared by Mrs. Gus Leach of Franklin, the retiring chairman of the group, and the presiding officer of the sessions of this conference.

Miss Alice Louise Lennon, of the faculty of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school, of Rabun Gap, Ga., and the Rev. S. R. Crockett, superintendent of the Maxwell Farm Home, were among those who helped provide a fine program for the conference.

A delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of the local Auxiliary. The next meeting will be held in Andrews in October, 1932. Mrs. Savage, of Murphy, was elected chairman of the group for the next two years.

Box Supper To Be Held At Salem School Oct. 30

A box supper will be held at the Salem school house Friday night, October 30. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Salem church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Porter Named Officer Of Fox Hunters' Group

At a meeting of the Western North Carolina Fox Hunters' association, which was organized at Robbinsville on Oct. 13, R. L. Porter, of Franklin, was elected as one of the directors.

'Pigs Is Pigs,' But This One Is a Whale on 4 Feet

Frank I. Murray, renowned hither and yon—even beyond the Cowees and the Balsams—as clerk of Macon county court and the man who doesn't know his own cow, came back from Raleigh last Saturday very much discouraged over this county's poor, little dwarfed pigs.

Frank went to Raleigh to lend dignity to Governor Gardner's relief conference, but on his return he was more perturbed by the situation of the swine hereabouts than he was with the condition of the debt-ridden and unemployed people.

The state fair was the cause of it all. Of course, Frank had to see the fair so he could tell the boys back home of the latest wonders in the world. And, according to him, he saw enough to tell a plenty. It wasn't the crop exhibits, the canned goods, the horse races or even the guided white way with its sideshow performers.

WHEN GHOSTS WALK

Series of Gripping Ghost Stories
To Start Soon in The Franklin Press

DO YOU believe in ghosts? Have you ever seen or heard what you thought was a ghost? Do you know personally anyone who has been perplexed and terrified by a ghost's uninvited and unwelcome appearance?

Well, it does not matter. Whether or not you believe in ghosts, you are interested in reading about them. Everybody is. There is something so baffling, something so mysterious and uncanny, about ghostly manifestations that they have an irresistible appeal for every one who has even as much imagination as a stone.

And the season is here when ghosts begin to make their nightly rounds. Halloween, the modern survival of the ancient Scottish ghosts' festival, is but a few days off—and from that time onward through the dreary winter nights when the winds moan in the chimney and whistle through the key hole, there is nothing so fascinating as to sit snugly by the fire, and read of ghosts you hope you will never meet face to face.

In view of the all but universal appeal of really good ghost stories, The Franklin Press has purchased the exclusive publication rights in this section of a series of twelve unusual stories which will appear in this paper each week beginning with next week's issue. And real thrillers these stories are. Each story recounts a genuine experience and every detail is described exactly as it occurred or appeared. There is nothing "faked" about these authentic narratives. Their realism will grip you, too—if you read them at night, you will go to bed with the light turned on.

But there is an added interest in these stories. In each case the "ghost" is caused by perfectly natural conditions, and can be explained simply, clearly and convincingly. The explanations of each story will be published later, but first test your wits by trying to solve the mysteries before the solutions are revealed in this paper. Each week the reader who sends in the most nearly correct solution of the story will be awarded a prize, and the name of the winner will be announced in these columns. Now here is a contest that makes cross-word puzzles a laborious, tedious task.

Knows His Ghosts



DAVID McFALL

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Oak Grove School Pupils Write History of Section

HOLD FASHION SHOW MONDAY

Latest Style Models To Be
Exhibited by Bevy
Of Beauties

Arrangements have been completed for Franklin's Fall Fashion Show to be held Monday night, October 26, at the Macon theatre. Twenty-five or more models will be shown by four of Franklin's leading women's apparel stores with a bevy of beautiful Franklin girls acting as mannequins.

The stores participating in the fashion show are Trotter's, Jess and Mary's Shop, E. K. Cunningham and Co., and Mrs. W. J. Zachary, milliner.

The fashion show is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock. Showing of the numerous models is expected

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Community First Settled About 1760 by Amos Brown

(EDITOR'S NOTE)—The following history of the Oak Grove section of Macon county was prepared and written by pupils in the grammar grades of the Oak Grove school. It is printed, together with current news items of the school and community, without any editing whatsoever. Such work bespeaks its own credit.)

The first man to settle in this section of Macon county known as the Oak Grove community was Amos Brown. He lived near the present location of Neal Bryson on or about 1760. William Morrison buying out Amos Brown was the second settler, and Julius Dean also settled in this community about the same time. The first school here was built of logs hewn from the trees of the forest, and was erected on the branch above the old Charlie Raby place. The first teacher having taught here was Calvin Kims. In the year 1856.

The first church was built near where the present Baptist church now stands. Rev. John Woodard being the first minister to preach in this church. This church was built in 1866. The first person buried in the cemetery was Lee Bradley, son of Morris Bradley in the year 1833.

At that time the condition of the roads was such that it would take all day and well into the night for one to drive a loaded team to Franklin and back.

These pioneers lived a very simple life. The men making most of the farm tools, also tanning the hides and making the shoes for the entire household. While the women would card, spin, and weave the clothes for the family, also they would knit the stockings for all the family during the long winter evenings.

These first sturdy trail-blazers were God-fearing, liberty-loving citizens, who were fit to lay the foundation for this great state of ours.

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JUNIORS HOLD DISTRICT MEET

Several Hundred Members
Of Order Here for
Convention

VARIED PROGRAM

State Councilor Nicks and
Other Officers
Are Heard

Several hundred members of the Junior Order United American Mechanics gathered in Franklin Thursday morning from all over this part of the state for the quarterly convention of district Number 1, which embraces the counties west of the Balsams.

The feature of the morning session was an address by the Rev. S. R. Nicks, of Roxboro, state councilor of the order. The principal speaker on the afternoon program was Professor T. G. Harrison of Highlands. Lewis P. Hamlin, one of the state officers of the order, also was scheduled to speak.

Meet Again Tonight

The morning and afternoon sessions were held in the courthouse and were open to the public. A business session is to be held tonight in the Junior Order hall.

Following is the program for the convention:

Frank I. Murray, councilor of Cullasaja council No. 158, presiding officer.

Song—"America," lead by John H. Dalton, Mrs. Harry Higgins at piano.

Invocation—By Rev. A. S. Solesbee.

Welcome address—By Geo. B. Patton, mayor of Franklin.

Piano solo—Mrs. Harry Higgins. Response to address of welcome—Hon. Hugh Monteath, district deputy.

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ROADHOUSE ON COWEE RAIDED

Ralph Fowler Arrested
And Bound Over
To Court

Ralph Fowler, young Canton man, was arrested by Sheriff A. B. Slagle and a group of deputies Saturday noon on charges of violating the prohibition laws and assault with a deadly weapon, following a raid on the roadside lunch room operated by Albert Mashburn in Watauga Gap on Cowee mountain about eight miles from Franklin on highway No. 28.

The sheriff and his deputies went to the place, armed with search warrants, after receiving numerous complaints. The raid was conducted jointly by the Macon county officers, assisted by Chief of Police R. F. Henry of Franklin, and officers from Jackson county. The lunch stand is near the Jackson county line.

The officers made a diligent search of the lunch room, Mashburn's home nearby, his orchard and outhouses. A pint flask of whiskey and a number of bottles which evidently had contained whiskey were found carefully hidden.

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Believe It or Not, Sisk Scores Third Hole-in-One

R. D. Sisk, Franklin attorney, made his third hole-in-one Sunday afternoon on the Franklin golf links. You may believe it or not, but Dean Sisk has good witnesses to vouch for his veracity.

Only one other player, C. S. Brown, manager of the Scott Griffin hotel, has been lucky enough to get a hole-in-one on the local course this year.

Dean Sisk's latest lucky stroke was made on the Number 2 hole, one of the most difficult on the course. A long drive sent the

To Surface Road West of Franklin; Also To Pave 286

Delegation Returns From Raleigh With Good News
Following Conference With Highway
Commission Official

ROCK CRUSHER ORDERED MOVED TO POINT NEAR RAINBOW SPRINGS

Work on No. 286 to Bryson City To Start as Soon
As Funds Are Available in Spring,
Delegation Is Assured

The State Highway Commission intends to continue work on Highway No. 28 until it has been completely surfaced all the way from Bat Cave to Murphy, according to word brought back from Raleigh last Friday by a delegation of Macon county citizens. Work is expected to be started this fall or winter, they reported, on surfacing the link between Franklin and Rainbow Springs. The group also reported that the Highway Commission is planning to start work as soon as funds are available in the spring on grading and surfacing highway No. 286 from Franklin to Bryson City, thus assuring Franklin that it will be on one of the principal—perhaps the most important—north and south routes leading through the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

SHERIFF GETS NEW TAX BOOKS

Valuation This Year for
County Totals
\$7,043,583

The 1931 tax books, embodying a valuation for the county of \$7,043,583, were turned over to Sheriff A. B. Slagle Wednesday by the board of county commissioners.

The rate this year has been set at \$1.21 and this is estimated to raise \$111,730.63. The 1931 valuation was \$7,427,000, the rate \$1.40 and the total of taxes was \$1,315,296.1.

About 40 per cent of the 1930 taxes remain to be collected but, on the other hand, approximately \$12,000 of the 1931 taxes already have been paid in.

Before taking over the tax books Sheriff Slagle gave a bond of \$50,000. He previously had given bond to cover his responsibilities as county treasurer and as treasurer for county school funds.

Rev. Dr. Caleb A. Ridley Reported Seriously Ill

The Rev. Dr. Caleb A. Ridley, well known writer and preacher and former editor of The Franklin Press, is reported to be seriously ill at the home of his mother in S. W. Dr. Ridley was reared in Macon county and has conducted a series of revivals in Franklin. He is a former pastor of the Central Baptist church in Atlanta, Ga.

MOVES TO FRANKLIN

C. L. Potts, who has been the manager of the Shell filling station in Cherokee, Ga., for the past year, has moved his family to Franklin.

GET MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license was issued at the courthouse on October 15 to Willis H. Davis, of Etna, this county, and Miss Mary J. DeHart, of Needmore, Swain county.

Members of the delegation which went to Raleigh were W. D. Barnard, chairman of the board of county commissioners; Frank Murray, clerk of court; Fred S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent, and R. A. Patton.

The group went to Raleigh Monday of last week with two purposes in mind—to attend Governor Gardner's relief conference last Tuesday and to find out what the Highway Commission was going to do about road work in this section.

See Ross

After attending the governor's conference they obtained an appointment for Thursday morning with Charles Ross, counsel for the Highway Commission who is known to be the right hand man to E. B. Tress, chairman of the commission.

Mr. Ross told them, it was reported, that M. P. Brewster, in charge of the rock crushing equipment at Short Creek, between Franklin and Highlands, had been ordered to move the equipment soon to No. 28, west of Franklin, at a point near Rainbow Springs. Work already is well under way on surfacing of No. 28 from a mile this side of Rainbow Springs to Glade Gap, a distance of seven miles. This work is being done under contract with federal aid funds. The state plans to pave the link between Franklin and Rainbow Springs, working from west to east.

To Complete Job

It is also understood that the Highway Commission intends to pave No. 28 from Glade Gap west, through Hayesville, to Murphy as soon as possible. This means that the state may have to wait for its next allocation of federal aid funds before completing the job.

Work is rapidly nearing completion on the surfacing of the only unpaved parts of No. 28 east of Franklin. The laying of crushed stone is expected to be finished in the near future and, according to recent advice, the construction forces may put on the top-surfacing, or oil binder, immediately, instead of waiting until next spring, as originally planned. The binder

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Head of Maxwell Home To Preach Here Sunday

In the absence of the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, the preaching services at the Franklin Presbyterian church next Sunday morning will be conducted by the Rev. S. R. Crockett, superintendent of the Maxwell Home. There will be no preaching services in this church on the first Sunday of November as the pastor expects to be away on vacation until after that time. The regular Sunday school exercises will be held each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and the Christian Endeavor prayer meetings each Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Everyone is given a cordial welcome to all of these services.