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The Penny a Meal Club is at your door. Asking A Penny A Person and nothing more.

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MACON FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

PENNY CLUB IS BEING FORMED

Proceeds To Be Devoted To Aid County's Unemployed

PLAN IS UNIQUE

Individuals Asked To Give Penny a Meal For Needy

A Penny club for Macon county, the purpose of which is to raise funds to aid the unemployed, is being organized by a group of Franklin women headed by Mrs. J. S. Conley.

Plan of Club

The plan of the club is simple. Individuals are asked to contribute one cent for the relief of the needy for each meal they eat.

The funds raised will be turned over to the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross. Containers in which the pennies may be contributed have been placed in stores, hotels, restaurants and other public places, and small boxes to be used as depositories in the homes will be distributed within a few days.

Pledges Circulated

Membership slips are already being circulated. They bear the following penny club pledge.

"Until the first day of March I shall eat no meal without contributing one penny to aid the unemployed."

Penny clubs have been organized in Atlanta, Asheville and many other cities and towns and are helping considerably to relieve suffering among the unemployed. A penny a meal is a small amount but one can readily see that when this plan is followed by a large number of people it will raise quite a tidy sum of money.

Two-Pound Potatoes Grown by C. D. Enloe

C. D. Enloe, of Route 1, paid The Press a visit this week bringing with him some Irish potatoes which were the largest we have seen this year.

Plan To Give Benefit Dinner for Maxwell

A Thanksgiving subscription dinner for the benefit of the Maxwell Farm Home will be given by a group of Franklin women.

Many Readers Enter Ghost Contest; \$50 in Prizes Offered by The Press For Best Solutions to Eerie Mysteries

GUESS THE GHOST

Here's How To Win a Cash Prize

READ CAREFULLY

A cash prize of \$2.50 will be given for the best explanation of each story in this series, of which "The Georgia Ghost" is first.

RULES OF CONTEST

- (1) Open to any paid-up subscriber to The Franklin Press, or member of a subscriber's family. (2) No employees of The Franklin Press permitted to participate. (3) Explanations or solutions submitted must be written on one side of paper only, with name and address clearly written in upper left corner, and must not exceed 250 words in length.

SEND IN YOUR SOLUTION NOW TO GHOST EDITOR

Red Cross Drive Starts On Nov. 11; Many Schools Plan Armistice Programs

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, chairman of the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross, announced Wednesday that 30 schools of the county have already reported Armistice Day programs being planned in response to the request made at the Teachers' meeting on November 24.



ing also having charge of the Roll Call in their communities as well as the local county welfare program.

Permanent Red Cross headquarters have been established in the Masonic Hall, through the courtesy of Junaluskee Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star. The Hall will be kept open each Saturday during the winter from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. for the purpose of receiving donations, investigating requests for assistance, and distributing supplies.

The regular meeting of the chapter which was postponed on account of Miss Kelly's illness last Saturday will be held at the Masonic Hall Saturday, Nov. 7, at 1:30 o'clock.

Dog Owners Are Warned To Keep Them at Home

W. D. Barnard, chairman of the county commission, is tired of paying out county funds to indemnify farmers whose sheep or chickens have been killed by stray dogs.

Mr. Barnard said the commission intended to enforce the dog law rigidly. All dogs are required to be licensed and the owner of any dog allowed at large unaccompanied or without a muzzle is subject to a fine of \$50.

Preaches on Health



REV. ROBERT B. H. BELL

HEALTH TO BE MISSION TOPIC

Rev. Robert B. S. Bell To Hold Services at St. Agnes

A "Life Abundant," mission will begin at St. Agnes Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Robert B. H. Bell, of Denver, Colorado, conducting the services, assisted by the Rev. Norman C. Duncan, rector of the church.

Dr. Bell will preach on how to attain health and happiness through right living. He will explain how to apply the principles of Christianity to modern living so as to develop the mind and body along with the spirit.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN DIES

Funeral for J. A. Bates, 85, Held at Coweta Church

James A. Bates, 85-year-old Confederate veteran, died Friday, Oct. 30, at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Harve Tallent, on Coweta, at 8 o'clock in the evening, after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at the Coweta Baptist church, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. P. C. Emberger, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit.

Dr. Caleb A. Ridley Is Taken To Atlanta Home

Dr. Caleb A. Ridley, who underwent a serious operation at Angel Brothers' hospital about two weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to be removed to his home in Atlanta.

916 families in North Carolina were given clothing by the Red Cross during this last year. This was only a small part of their drought relief work in the state.

Accountant Files Report on Audit; Board Is Pleased

R. C. Birmingham Finds Macon Books Show "Paper" Surplus in All Funds of \$162,852.83, As of June 30, This Year

FORMER SHERIFF INGRAM'S ACCOUNT SHOWS OVERPAYMENT TO TREASURY

County in "Excellent Condition, Except for Quite An Amount of Uncollected Taxes," Accountant Declares

Macon county has a "paper" surplus of \$162,852.83, according to a report filed with the county commission this week by R. C. Birmingham, Charlotte accountant who was employed last July to audit the county's books.

Continuing on the audit, Mr. Birmingham said Wednesday: "This county's finances are in excellent condition, except for quite an amount of uncollected taxes. Every fund has a surplus ranging from \$1657 for one special school district to \$34,931 for the debt service fund."

Champion Fibre Pays Big Tax Discovery

The county commissioners have collected \$18,293.32 on a tax discovery against the Champion Fibre company of Canton. The fibre concern willingly paid the amount when the discovery was called to its attention Tuesday by W. D. Barnard, chairman of the Macon county board.

He stated that Macon county was in far better financial condition than most counties of the state.

Ingram Commended

The audit showed that C. L. Ingram, former sheriff, had overpaid his tax account to June 30, this year, by \$3,749. Mr. Birmingham commended him for keeping his books orderly and balancing out so closely.

The only comment of a critical nature made by the accountant concerned the amount of back taxes uncollected. These date back to 1926 and, in a few cases, to 1925, but foreclosure action already has been taken on the 1925 and 1926 taxes and further action to collect 1927, 1928 and 1930 taxes is expected in the next few months.

Summary of Report

Following is a brief summary of Mr. Birmingham's report, as of June 30, 1931:

Total current operating assets (including \$131,915.47 uncollected taxes to June 1, this year) . . . \$186,068.31

Current liabilities and operating reserves . . . 23,215.78

Total fund surplus, including schools . . . \$162,852.83

Mr. Birmingham said that since June 1 approximately \$19,000 in back taxes had been collected, thereby reducing the figure quoted above. He also explained that it was very likely that the remainder would be diminished somewhat by releases and failure to collect certain amounts such as poll taxes overdue for several years.

Not Cash Surplus

He made it clear that the total fund surplus is not a cash surplus. However, he expressed the opinion that the county was in very good condition and, if all back taxes were now paid and in the treasury, the county's tax rate could be greatly reduced.

Mr. Birmingham explained his report to the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday. They expressed much satisfaction over the report, especially since the county's books had not been audited for several years.

Mr. Birmingham was employed by the board just after he had filed his report on the county school finances last July. The fee stipulated for the job was \$750.

LICENSED TO WED

The following marriage licenses have been issued: Fred Anderson and Miss Paralee Dills, both of the Cartogechay section, on October 31; Raymond D. McCaley and Miss Mary Logan Evans, both of Atlanta, October 24.

DEATH CLAIMS R. H. MARRET

Prominent Business Man Of Highlands Ill Only Week

Robert H. Marret, 73 merchant, died at his home at Highlands Monday after an illness of one week.

Mr. Marret was connected with the G. W. Marret general merchandise store there, and had been living in Highlands for about eight years, having moved there from Fairplay, Ogemaw county, S. C.

The deceased is survived by three brothers, G. W. and S. T. Marret, of Highlands, and W. H. Marret, of Columbia, S. C.

Funeral rites were held at Fairplay, S. C., Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Let me have some ginger ale. Bah? No, a glass will do.

Rotarians Protest Plan To Call Special Session

The Franklin Rotary Club voted at its regular luncheon at the Scott Griffin hotel Wednesday to send a resolution to Governor O. Max Gardner protesting against the proposal for a special session of the General Assembly at this time.

Reports from Raleigh indicate that considerable pressure has been brought to bear on the chief executive in recent weeks by cotton and tobacco farmers in the eastern part of the state who have been seeking a special session of the legislature.

Their ostensible purpose, it is understood, is to obtain legislation designed to curtail cotton and tobacco crops, but it is reliably reported that the real object in view is to bring about sales or luxury tax with view to relieving farmers and other landowners.

The attitude of the Franklin Rotary club was that an extra session would mean a needless expense and that there were little likelihood that anything in the way of constructive relief would be accomplished.

Advertisement for Dimah featuring a cartoon and the text 'IT WOULD BE A LOVELY WORLD IF FOLKS WOULD JUST LIVE UP TO THEIR EPITAPHS!' and 'Dimah SAYS'.