



## WILLARD DEAN CUT IN FIGHT

Almost Disemboweled in Altercation With Boyd McGaha

**MCGAHA AT LARGE**  
Dean Seriously Wounded But He Has Chance To Recover

Willard Dean, 11, is in a serious condition at Angel Brothers' hospital, while Boyd McGaha, 17, who is alleged almost to have disemboweled Dean with a pocket knife in a fight near Etna last Thursday night, is being sought by Macon county officers.

The fight occurred about 9 o'clock in a vacant house where a group of boys and girls had gathered for a dance. There were a number of witnesses but reports as to how the fight started are conflicting. Among those present were Ralph and Harry Morgan, B. C. West and Jack Rogers. Dean and McGaha got into an altercation and, after an exchange of blows, it was reported, McGaha whipped out his pocket knife and stabbed Dean, inflicting a twelve-inch wound. The knife blade slashed into Dean's left lung, severed his kidney and cut through part of his bowels.

Dean was brought to Angel Brothers' hospital by Harry Morgan and several others. Meanwhile Boyd McGaha fled and Wednesday morning officers had failed to locate him.

While Dr. Furman Angel was operating on Dean the lights went out, although Dr. Angel said he had had his brother, Zeb Angel, telephone the power house of the Northwest Carolina Public Utilities, Inc., and notify them that a life and death case was being handled and it was very necessary that the lights remain on. Dr. Angel said he was in the midst of the operation when the lights went off. He continued the operation with the aid of a flashlight. Meanwhile Zeb Angel had gotten in touch with the power house again and the lights were turned back on. By this time, Dr. Angel said, he had almost finished the operation.

Carl Bingham, who is in charge of the power plant, told The Press Wednesday that the telephone call from Mr. Angel was received by his wife at their home near the power house. At the time, he added, he was out on the dam and that as soon as he received the telephone call he turned the power back on. He said it was cut off because of insufficient water flow to turn the turbine.

Young Dean is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Dean and McGaha is a son of Charley McGaha. Both were students in the Franklin high school. Dean was the driver of a school bus.

Little hope was held at first for Dean's recovery but it was reported Wednesday morning that his condition was very favorable.

## FUNERAL IS HELD FOR J. B. WILSON AT COWEE CHURCH

Funeral services for John B. Wilson, 75, who died at his home on Iotla Sunday at 12:30 p. m., were held at the Cowee Baptist church Monday at 11 o'clock with the Rev. W. L. Bradley, of Oak Grove, former pastor of the deceased, conducting the services.

The deceased had been in ill health for several months. He had been a member of the Baptist church since early life.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Margaret E. Roper, and three children, Mrs. Charles White, Mrs. Frank Bryson and Lester Wilson, all of the state of Washington.

## Singing Convention Scheduled for Sunday

Singers from all over the county are expected to gather here Sunday for the regular Macon county quarterly singing convention, to be held in the courthouse. The song service will start at 9 a. m. and continue until 11 o'clock, when the singers will adjourn to attend services in the various Franklin churches. They are scheduled to meet again for the afternoon session at 12:30. J. M. Raby is president of the convention.

## Santa Coming Tuesday On Pre-Christmas Visit; Schools To Close Early

Santa Claus is going to pay Franklin a pre-Christmas visit next Tuesday afternoon. In order that every child in Franklin and Macon county might have a chance to see him, Professor M. D. Billings, superintendent of schools, has directed that all county schools be closed in time to allow the boys and girls to come to town. Franklin's school also will close.

Santa is scheduled to arrive at 1:30 p. m. He will be officially welcomed by Mayor George Patton, who will turn over to him the keys of the city.

Every child will have an opportunity, not only to see Santa but to tell him just what he wants for Christmas. But it will be pretty difficult for Santa to hear all the requests at the same time, so it is suggested that boys and girls write out their Christmas letters and send them to The Press, which will turn them over to Santa. Or they can hand them to Santa himself.

It has been reported that Santa will bring with him a quantity of candy for his young friends. He will come on a beautifully decorated 40-foot float, furnished for him by the Asheville Citizen and the Asheville Times, which are sponsoring his pre-Christmas tour of Western North Carolina. Before coming to Franklin Santa will pay a visit to Bryson City Tuesday morning.

All parents are urged to bring their children to town and give them an opportunity to see Santa. A number of stores are preparing to put on special Christmas exhibits.

## NEWS SUMMARY

A Survey of State and National Events Concisely Told in Brief Up-to-Date News Reports

### STATE NEWS

**Want Wamboldt's Evidence**  
**ASHEVILLE**—The Buncombe county bar has answered a public charge by Wickes Wamboldt, city councilman, that lawyers have bribed jurors, by requesting Wamboldt to appear before an executive group of the bar and cite names and cases. This he has agreed to do if immunity is guaranteed his witnesses.

**Steal Governor's Car**  
**RALEIGH**—Governor Max Gardner's automobile, bearing state license No. 1, was stolen from in front of his mansion on Sunday night. Four hours later it was recovered near Hopewell, Va., three men fleeing.

**M. E. Conference Ends**  
**GREENVILLE**—The 95th North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church closed Sunday with reading of appointments. The Sunday sermon, heard by 2,500 and preached by Bishop E. D. Moulton, presiding officer of the conference, was a big event of the annual gathering. Saturday's resolutions urged United States membership in the league of nations, renewed the church's support of prohibition, made strong expression against gambling, racial discrimination and other evils. A total membership of 116,786, professions of faith numbering 3,752, and \$1,125,884 raised for all purposes last year. Rocky Mount was chosen the 1932 conference city. The Washington and Fayetteville districts will be merged with the other seven for sake of economy.

**Smith is Elon President**  
**ELON COLLEGE**—Dr. Leon E. Smith, Norfolk, Va., minister, has accepted the presidency of Elon college to succeed Dr. W. A. Harper, resigned.

**Killed by Accidental Shot**  
**WEST JEFFERSON**—The whirl of a rising covey of partridges caused Ritter Estep to raise his gun and fire too quickly. The load took effect in the back of Len Greer, 38. He died within a few minutes. The accident was on Saturday morning near Todd.

**Marine Flier Dies**  
**NEW BERN**—The plane of Lieut. Joel B. Nott, New York reserve marine pilot, failed on Saturday to make a loop which five planes were executing at the three-day air meet. Nott was killed and

## Hunters Take to Fields As Quail Season Opens

Scores of hunters took to the fields last Friday, when the quail and rabbit hunting seasons opened. The birds must be fairly plentiful this year, for several hunters were reported to have made the bag limit of 10.

The season on both quail and rabbits will close on February 15. The game laws prohibit the sale of quail, but rabbits may be killed

## TOWN RESPONDS TO ROLL CALL

Miss Kelly Encouraged Over Outcome of Annual Drive

**WORK IS OUTLINED**  
Public Asked To Refer Requests for Aid To Red Cross

BY ELIZABETH KELLY  
(Chairman Macon County Red Cross)

The Red Cross Roll Call in Franklin has met with a splendid response on the part of Franklin citizens. Of course there are a few citizens who never give to anything except to those things that are prospective givers to them—but there are very few of this type in Franklin.

Teachers and the school community committee members are reporting gifts, membership, etc., from various sections of the county. These reports will probably all be in by the last of this week at which time a general checking up of county gifts will be made.

The penny-a-meal boxes have been widely distributed in town and county. Mrs. Jess Conley and her committee will check up on these boxes soon and will encourage the givers to continue their gifts. These boxes together with gifts of food, clothes, etc., from those who have them to spare will do much to supply the continued need for such things during the winter.

**Investigate Cases**  
Please remember these things:

1. No donations will be made by the Red Cross unless and until investigation of the case is made by the community committee and the recommendation must come from the committee. No gifts will be made to the individual asking direct for the gift. We must have the assurance that the case is deserving.
2. No one should give direct to an asker at the door for the reason that the asker is apt to ask at several doors and may not be either needy or worthy.
3. Out-of-county seekers for charity should be sent to the Red Cross direct. These are more often than not members of a group that are exploiting sympathetic people. Other counties and towns have their own welfare organizations that will relieve these people at their own homes if they are worthy.
4. The Red Cross room at the Masonic Hall will be open every Saturday from 12 to 3 o'clock for the purpose of receiving and distributing gifts. Please do not come with Red Cross business at any other time unless there is an emergency case—then come direct to Elizabeth Kelly.

**No Salaries Paid**  
It should not be necessary for me to have to state the following fact: Neither I nor any one doing Red Cross work in Macon county receive anything in the way of pay for the work we are trying to do. Tell the ones who have used that

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**Will Observe Thanksgiving**  
Special Union Service To Be Held at Methodist Church

Special union Thanksgiving services will be observed in the Methodist church on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with the four churches of the town participating. The Rev. O. P. Ader, newly appointed pastor of the Methodist church, will have charge of the services, and the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the Baptist church, will bring a special Thanksgiving message.

Special music will be provided by the members of the choir of the four participating churches. The Thanksgiving offering will go for the benefit of the Maxwell Farm Home. Every person with thankful heart is invited to this service.

Thanksgiving services also will be conducted at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening in St. Agnes Episcopal church by the Rev. Norman C. Duncan. The public is invited to attend.

## Can Help Farmers



Frederick E. Murphy, publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune, director of the Associated Press and sponsor of the "Minnesota Plan" which revolutionized Northwestern agriculture and increased farm revenues nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars in seven years.

The much talked of "Minnesota Plan" which has led to agricultural prosperity in the Northwest, will be explained by two of its most outstanding sponsors, Frederick E. Murphy, published of the Minneapolis Tribune, and Charles E. Collison, its agricultural editor—at a meeting in Asheville Monday evening, December 14.

## PLANNING BIG FARM MEETING

**'Minnesota Plan' To Be Explained at Asheville**

Farmers, farm agents, business and civic leaders from all over Western North Carolina are expected to attend the meeting, which will be held at the Plaza theatre on Pack Square, under the auspices of the Asheville Citizen and the Asheville Times.

The "Minnesota Plan" based on crop diversification, has attracted international attention because it has freed the farmers of the northwest from the tyranny of a single crop—wheat—with the grave possibilities of ruin by price fluctuations or unfavorable weather.

The underlying purpose of the meeting in Asheville, according to an announcement in the Asheville Citizen, is to educate the city and town business men to cooperate with the farmer to build better agriculture and help create markets at home and abroad. The program which will be explained at this meeting has been investigated by state and county farm leaders in this section and meets with the unqualified approval. They are joining in the movement which is expected to be launched as a result of this meeting, a movement to build a wonderful future for Western North Carolina on the solid foundation of its natural agricultural resources.

The speakers are regarded as the outstanding leaders of progressive farm thought today, the men who advocated, promoted and developed the plan which begins the rehabilitation of the farmer in the soil of his farm and not in legislative halls.

The "Minnesota plan" has been put into operation in four states, starting in 1924. The other states are North and South Dakota and Montana.

Speakers of the success of the plan, Frederick E. Murphy, one of the men who will speak at the meeting, said in a recent statement:

"I am an ostrich. I do not

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## Chsin Stores Share Big

WASHINGTON—The U. S. census shows chain stores in 1929 had one-fifth of the nation's retail business and one-tenth of the stores.

## Prizes Are Awarded At Meeting of 4-H Club

The 4-H Club which was organized on Cartoogechaye last spring held its final meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Carl Slagle Saturday afternoon. There are nineteen members in this club, and twelve were present Saturday.

Sewing was selected by the girls as their project and much good work was done during the sum-

## Day Trial Opens; Child Testifies Against Father

**MAY EXTEND PHONE LINES**  
George J. Johnston Is Named Manager of Company

George J. Johnston was named general manager and assistant treasurer of the Western Carolina Telephone company at a meeting of the board of directors in the telephone company's headquarters here Tuesday. Mr. Johnston, who has been in the employ of the telephone company since 1927, has been serving in the capacity of acting general manager since June.

The directors also took action with view to the extension of its service to the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Clay county. Later, it is planned to make connections with the telephone network of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Mr. Johnston was instructed to draw up plans for the proposed extension of services to the Indian reservation to be submitted at the next quarterly meeting of the directors.

The Western Carolina Telephone company serves Franklin, Bryson City, Sylva, Highlands and connected points in North Carolina, and Clayton, Ga., with long distance connections with the Southern Bell Telephone company. W. B. McGuire of Franklin is president of the company; T. J. Johnston, Sr., and Dr. W. A. Rogers, of Franklin, vice presidents; and Addison Mappin, of Atlanta, Ga., treasurer.

## FUNERAL HELD FOR J. A. FOUTS AT IOTLA CHURCH

Final rites for Jacob Astor Fouts, 17, who died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lack Barnard, of the Iotla section, Monday morning, were held at the Iotla Methodist church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. H. C. Freeman, pastor, conducting the services. Interment was in the Methodist cemetery beside his mother who preceded him to the grave in his infancy.

The deceased joined the Iotla Baptist church last March, and had lived a very devoted life since. He was of a sunny and genial disposition, one who was well liked by all his comrades, and the large crowd attending the funeral testified to the high standard which he held in his community.

He is survived by his father, Mr. W. T. Fouts, his stepmother, several half brothers and sisters, and his grandparents. He was a nephew of Dr. H. H. Fouts, of Franklin.

## Weaver College Students Hear Rev. A. W. Jacobs

The Rev. A. W. Jacobs, of Culasaga, was one of the speakers at the Weaver college chapel exercises last Wednesday morning. Mr. Jacobs told of some incidents, and evoked his impression of the world movement of Methodism, which he attended in Atlanta last month. His description of a pagan presented by a negro congregation was particularly vivid.

John Edwards Wins Another Ghost Prize

John W. Edwards, of Franklin, is the winner of the third \$2.50 cash prize being offered each week by this newspaper in its "Guess-the-Ghost" contest. Mr. Edwards' solution of "The Ghost in the Swamp" was not exactly the same as the author's explanation printed last week, but it was the best submitted and he can get his prize money by calling at the Press office any time.

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## Highlands Man Faces Charge of Attack On Child

**STATE RESTS CASE**  
One Week's Mixed Term Of Superior Court In Session

Emory Day, of Highlands, went on trial before Judge W. F. Harding in Macon county superior court Wednesday morning charged with an attempted criminal attack on his 11-year-old daughter about a month ago. The courtroom was crowded.

The chief witness against Day was the child he is alleged to have offended. Her testimony supported the state's complaint.

Day was arrested on November 4 by W. A. Hays, special deputy, after reports of the attack had been current for about a week. The Day girl had been living with Miss Bernice Durgin in Highlands. The child reported the alleged attack to her and she, in turn, notified Mrs. Day and an uncle of the girl. Neither of the latter, however, took any action and the warrant was sworn out by Deputy Sheriff Hays. Miss Durgin was in court Wednesday but she had not been called to the stand Wednesday noon.

The state rested its case in the morning and early in the afternoon the defense still was presenting evidence. The defense is represented by Attorneys George Patton, G. A. Jones and R. S. Jones, while Solicitor Queen is being assisted in the prosecution by Frank Kay.

Court convened Monday morning for a one week's mixed term. Minor criminal cases are all that have been tried thus far. The largest fine imposed was one of \$50 against Quince Roane, of Franklin Route 1, convicted of reckless driving.

## R. T. CUNNINGHAM OF ALMOND, DIES AT BRYSON CITY

Funeral services for Rufus T. Cunningham, 69, of Almond, who died at Bryson City Wednesday, Nov. 18, were held at the Maple Springs Baptist church Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Cunningham had been in ill health for several months prior to his death. He was born in Macon county, April 8, 1862, later moving to Needmore, in Swain county. He was in the mercantile business there for years and was one of the best known and most substantial citizens in Swain county. He was active in all branches of work in the Baptist church.

He is survived by the following children: Mrs. J. H. Coffey, of Bryson City; Mrs. Edward Byrd, of Stiles; Mrs. Sam Davis and Miss Esther Cunningham, of Almond; Robert Cunningham, of Franklin, and Ralph Cunningham, of Bryson City.

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The winner of last week's contest, centering around the fourth story—"The Ghost of the Lonely House"—will be published next week. The author's solution appears in this week's issue on the editorial page together with a new mystery, "The Unseen and Unheard Ghost." This story will test the wits of the best detectives. See if you can solve it. There are 12 stories in this series and any subscriber stands a good chance of winning a prize by doing a little thinking. See rules and regulations on editorial page.