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SINGERS HOLD BIG CONVENTION

Quarterly Meeting at Courthouse Attended by Nearly 2,000 Persons

20 CLASSES TAKE PART

Next Convention To Be Held Here on Fifth-Sunday In July

With nearly 2,000 persons present, the Macon County Quarterly Singing convention was held in the county courthouse Sunday, beginning at 9:30 a. m. and continuing until 4 o'clock in the afternoon with an hour off at noon.

Next Convention

The next singing convention will be held on the fifth Sunday of July at the courthouse. This convention is known as the Macon County Quarterly Singing convention, but classes from all the counties of Western North Carolina are invited to attend and take a part.

Following are the classes and leaders that sang in the morning meeting: Mt. Sinai, of Oak Dale, with Charlie Roper as leader; Ridge Crest, of Watauga, with E. A. Snyder as leader; Valley View, of Watauga, with J. R. Berry as leader; Holly Springs, of Route 4, with Jim M. Raby as leader; Smith Quartette, Hazelwood, Haywood county, with Roe Smith as leader; Shelton Brothers, of Canton, with Roy Shelton as leader; Smith Family, of Tellico, with Ashear Smith as leader; duet by Mrs. Mashburn and daughter, of Cullasaja; Greens Creek, of Jackson county, with Author Trathan as leader; Locust Field, of Jackson county, with a Mr. Pangle as leader.

Mrs. Fred Vaughan and her six-year-old son, of Hazelwood sang a duet "The Old Rugged Cross."

With Mrs. Vaughan at the organ and Mr. Raby as leader, the crowd sang "We'll Never Grow Old," and then the noon recess was called.

Afternoon Program

In the afternoon several classes which had not taken a part in the morning were granted the floor. These were: Luffy Ramblers, Cherokee Indians from Swain county, with Mr. French as leader; Clark's Chapel, with Jess Keener as leader; Liberty, of upper Cowee; Dalton Quartette, of Cowee; Wesleyan Quartette, of Jackson county; Young Brothers duet, from Ellijay; Miss Grace and Miss May Johnson, of Franklin, on the violin and piano; the Dalton and Raby Quartet; and songs by most of the classes that had sung during the morning period.

There was much good singing and many beautiful voices, but it was an especial treat to hear a Miss Shelton, from Canton, 10 or 12

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LETTER CARRIERS MEET NEAR WAYAH; OFFICERS ELECTED

The Rural Letter Carrier's association of Western North Carolina met near the foot of Wayah Bald on Monday morning for a business meeting and picnic. A large crowd was present, including letter carriers and their families from all the counties west of Buncombe.

At the business meeting R. E. Gibson, of Bryson City, was elected president of the Smoky Mountains unit of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers; Sam Rice of Candler, and Harold T. Sloan of Franklin were elected vice presidents, and a Mr. McDougald, of Buncombe county was re-elected as secretary and treasurer.

After the noon feast many of the letter carriers made the trip to the top of Wayah Bald. The next meeting will be held on Memorial day, 1933. The place

Tam Bowie and Frank Grist, Candidates for U. S. Senate, Make Campaign Speeches

When the source of wealth changes, then it is time to change taxes in order to protect the people, Tam C. Bowie, of West Jefferson, candidate for the United States Senate, told a crowd in the Macon county courthouse Monday night.

Mr. Bowie, who was introduced by his county campaign manager, G. L. Jones, predicted that unless taxes are changed within five years not a man in North Carolina will own a home. He declared that tax valuations are twice the real value of land in most instances. Pointing out that only one-sixth of the land in the state is producing, he asserted that this cannot return sufficient revenue to pay taxes on the non-producing five-sixths.

Mr. Bowie advocated revaluation of real estate, rigid economy in government, reduction of taxes on real property, exemption of a home for each citizen within a reasonable established amount; fixing by act of congress of a minimum price for all major farm products. He criticized Senator Cameron Morrison for his vote to confirm Frank McIninch and Word H. Wood for federal positions, the former as a member of the federal power board.

Senator Morrison, who has been busy attending to the duties of his office in Washington, has refrained

from making a campaign tour of the state, declaring that he would stand or fall on his record. The former governor has no state or county campaign managers. Some of his friends in Washington have expressed anxiety lest he be defeated for lack of organization; but many of his friends within the state are of the opinion that he can win on the basis of his past service. They point out that if he is returned to Washington he will be in better position than a new man to receive important committee appointments.

Frank D. Grist, of Caldwell county, who for the past eight years has been state commissioner of labor, is also a Democratic candidate for the United States senate. He spoke before a small crowd in the courthouse Saturday afternoon. He also lambasted Senator Morrison. He advocated payment of the soldiers' bonus and reform of the federal banking statutes.

Mr. Grist was introduced by J. J. Mann, of Franklin. There are two other candidates for the United States Senate on the Democratic ticket—R. R. Reynolds, of Asheville, who is running on a wet ticket, and the other is a man named Simmons (his campaign propaganda does not give his initials but he is not the former

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53 GRADUATED AT HIGH SCHOOL

Prizes Presented Ted Eaton And Norman West in Essay Contest

Twenty boys and 33 girls were presented diplomas as graduates in the Franklin high school at commencement exercises in the Franklin high school last Friday evening.

The program was simple with no special speakers. The diplomas were presented by G. L. Hoot principal of the school, while eighth-grade certificates were presented by Professor M. D. Billings county superintendent of schools.

Prizes won by Ted Eaton and Norman West in a statewide essay contest on the relation of forests to fish and game were presented by W. K. Beichler, of Asheville, district state forester. Eaton won first prize and West sixth. Those who received diplomas were:

- Boys Lester Arnold, Howard Barnard, James Brabson, Earl Bryson, John Bulgin, Harry Cunningham, Robert Dalton, Ralph Dean, Edward Eaton, Jeff Enloe, Claude Freeman James Hames, Don Henderson Clarence Henry, J. L. McConnell, Charles Shope, George Stewart, Sexton Vinson, Norman West, Ralph West.

- Girls Nolita Bradley, Gladys Brock, Nellie Byrd, Emma Lee Carter, Helen Cunningham, Kate Cunningham, Edna Curtis, Georgia Dady, Elizabeth Dowdle, Robert Enloe, Marie Fish, Grace Fouts, Pauline Fouts, Margaret Franks, Pearl Gibson, Ruby Henry, Florence Henson, Cora Lee Higdon, Mattie Hoaglan, Ida Lee Hunter, Nina McCoy, Grace McGaha, Elizabeth McGuire Lucille Morrison, Marie Palmer, Merle Peek, Elizabeth Poindexter, Sophia Ray, Emma Jane Saunders, Hattie Slagle, Margaret Slagle, Cleta Smith, Georgianna Tessier.

TEACHER LIST IS ANNOUNCED

Appointments for Franklin And Highlands Schools Made Public

M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, announced Tuesday that the following teachers had been elected to teach in the Franklin and Highlands schools next session:

- Franklin G. L. Houk, principal. High school teachers: Mrs. Flois G. Franks, Miss Myrtle Wyatt, Miss Jennie Gillan, Miss Cornelia McKimmon, Mrs. Helen Macon, Paul Carpenter, Miss Helen Burch, Earl Meacham. Grade teachers: Mrs. Kathaleen Hudson, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, Miss Mayberly Moody, Miss Selma Young, Miss Elizabeth Cabe, Miss Lily Calloway, Miss Olive B. Eaton, Miss Rose Rogers, Mrs. Katherine H. Williams, Miss Mary Katherine Porter.

- Highlands O. F. Sumner, principal. High school teachers: F. C. Hentz, Miss Mary Lois Ferguson. Grade teachers: Mrs. Annie W. Pierson, Miss Bertha Williams, Mrs. Sue R. Hall, Miss Beatrice Mozley, Miss Amy Henderson, Miss Ethel Calloway.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY HOLDS DISTRICT CONFERENCE HERE

Miss Mona Cannell, a missionary of the Episcopal church doing evangelistic work in Japan, was the special speaker at the meeting of the second district of the Woman's Auxiliary held at St. Agnes church Tuesday. Miss Cannell impressed her hearers with the significance of the missionary's task of winning individuals through Christ's message to a different way of life in a beautiful and deeply spiritual address. An exhibit of photographs and of beautiful articles illustrating phases of the work of the church in her Japanese community added to the interest of her talk.

Mrs. Sheldon Leavitt, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Western North Carolina diocese, delivered an inspiring address, and Mrs. F. W. Thomas, educational secretary, led a conference on the history of the Prayer Book. Mrs. T. J. Woodridge, chairman of Ad-

PENEFIT BRIDGE PAID BY AND FLOWER SHOW TO BE GIVEN

A benefit bridge party and flower show will be given under the auspices of the Garden club Friday at the Franklin Terrace. The flower show will be from 2 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon and the bridge party will start at 8:30 o'clock in the evening. The public is invited to enter flowers in the show and also to play bridge. Reservations may be made by calling Miss Mary Willis or Mrs. J. S. Porter.

W. M. U. Divisional Meet To Be Held in Asheville

The Asheville divisional meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will be held at the First Baptist church in Asheville on Tuesday, June 14, beginning at 9:45 a. m. Every society is urged to send representatives.

Interest In Primaries Centers In Races For County Commissioners

Seek Governor's Chair



R. T. FOUNTAIN



J. C. B. EHRINGHAUS

COUNTY LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED

6 Teams Represented in Macon Circuit; Others Asked To Join

One of the greatest moves ever made in baseball realms of Macon county, was the meeting in Franklin last Saturday morning. At this meeting J. H. Strubling was elected temporary chairman and John W. Edwards as temporary secretary and treasurer of a county league.

Six teams from various sections of the county were represented at the meeting. They were Franklin, West End, Cartoogechaye, Cowee, Holly Springs and Rainbow Springs. It was decided to hold another meeting on Monday night at Franklin, and at this meeting to elect permanent officers and invite any other teams of the county into the league.

At the second meeting J. Frank Ray was elected president of the league and John W. Edwards was elected secretary and treasurer.

Eight teams were represented and joined the league. The teams with a manager or representative are: Franklin, Ralph Penland; West End, J. D. Gibson; Cartoogechaye, Laddie Crawford; Cowee, Robert T. Bryson; Holly Springs, Charles W. Ingram; Rainbow Springs, Hub Danielson; Oak Grove, H. P. Heading and Mountain Grove, W. C. Taylor.

It was carried as a motion that each team should play two games with each other team, making a total of 16 games to be played this season. The official season will open June 11 and close on Saturday, September 26. Only Saturday games are to be scheduled as official.

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A. J. MAXWELL

GUBERNATORIAL CONTEST CLOSE

Second Primary Viewed Likely; Platforms of Candidates Outlined

All of the three candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina are alike in one declaration—economy in government and reduction of taxes on land must be put into effect. Indications are that the outcome in the gubernatorial primary will be close with a second primary necessary.

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, is running on a platform whose chief planks are: 1. Completion of the state highway construction program with highways through towns and cities built and maintained by the state. 2. Op-

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8 Democrats and 4 Republicans Seeking Their Party Nominations

BALLOTS ARE SHORT

3 Democratic Candidates Oppose Full Time Chairman Of Board

With eight candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for county commissioners and four on the Republican ballot for the same post, these contests are expected to be the center of interest in the races for county offices in Saturday's primaries.

Both county ballots are short this year. The Democrats have only three contests—for county commissioners, representative in the legislature and state senator from the 33rd district. The Republicans have only one contest, that for county commissioner.

Those seeking the Democratic nomination for commissioner are Walter Gibson, W. D. Barnard, J. O. Harrison, Gus Leach, Robert Ramsey, E. W. Long, Robert Stamey and D. J. Moses. The Republican candidates for commissioner are W. H. Green, R. H. Rogers, J. H. Dean and A. S. Salesbee.

The two candidates for the Democratic nomination for representative are C. L. Ingram and Sam Howard. The contestants for state senator are R. A. Patton, of Macon county; E. B. Norvell, of Cherokee; R. B. Slaughter, of Graham, and Kelly E. Bennett, of Swain.

Oppose Full Time Chairman Candidates for all other county offices are without opposition in their own parties and their names do not appear on the ballot. The Democratic ballots this year are on white paper and the Republican ballots are on pink, with duplicates on yellow slips.

Three of the Democratic candidates for commissioner have openly declared themselves as opposed to the employment of a full time chairman of the board. These are W. D. Barnard, the present chairman, E. W. Long and Walter Gibson.

Polling Places

Following is a list of the polling places in each township: Franklin, courthouse. Mill Shoals, Holly Springs school house. Ellijay, Higdon's mill. Sugar Fork, Pine Grove school house. Highlands, school house. Flats, school house. Smith's Bridge, Junior Hall. Cartoogechaye, Junior Hall. Nantahala No. 1, school house. Nantahala No. 2, Happy Top school house. Burningtown, Lower Burningtown school house. Cowee, Rickman's store. The polls are scheduled to be opened from sunrise to sunset.

Wild Canadian Geese Spending Summer on Lake

Three wild Canadian geese are making their homes in Franklin this summer. They have their abode in the bottoms below Mrs. Will Sloan, on the waters of Lake Emery and the Tennessee river. These geese are real large ones and it is a mystery why they stopped in Franklin for the summer—as a general rule geese go north in the summer. Anyways it is hoped that no fanatic will get to shooting at these geese and either kill or drive them away. There is a federal law as well as a state law against killing geese in the summer season.

New Home Being Built by Paul Potts on Bidwell St.

Paul Potts, junior partner of the J. E. Potts Casket and Furniture Manufacturing company, is building a nice five-room house on Bidwell street. The location is just west of the residence of J. A. Porter, with the house facing east. Mr. Potts has about completed the excavating and plans upon the building work to be rushed along. The house is to be boxed and then weather-boarded.

Samuel Gibson Descendants To Hold Reunion on June 12

Descendants of Samuel Gibson will hold a reunion at Mrs. Eliza DeHart's home near Bryson City on June 12.

This reunion will be in honor of "Aunt" Betsy Jane Grant, who is 92 years of age and now the oldest living member of the family. Mrs. Grant's 92nd birthday will occur on June 10. Other members of the Gibson family now living are Mrs. Eliza DeHart, of Bryson City; Mrs. Margaret Carter, of Anderson, S. C.; Mrs. Fannie Dillard, of Demorest, Ga.; Mr. Thomas Gibson and Mrs. Nancy Cardon of Macon county.

There will be a picnic dinner and at this meeting Mrs. Frank I. Murray, who has the roll of the family, will offer a prize for the one who comes the nearest to naming all the living descendants.

The first reunion of the Gibson family was held June 10, 1928, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Murray in Franklin. At this reunion there were visitors from three states.

The Rev. Samuel Gibson was a pioneer Baptist preacher in Macon county. His father, Joseph Gibson, came from England. Rev. Mr. Gibson was born about 1796 and died in 1878. He fought in the War of 1812, being five major in a regiment. He removed to Haywood county about 1819 and married Miss Eliza Jane Black, of Fine's Creek in Haywood county. To this union was born one child, John Stewart Gibson.

John Stewart Gibson married Miss Martha Carrell in August, 1838, and was the father of fifteen children, six of whom are still living. He moved to Snool Creek, in Swain county, and later to Macon county. He was a school teacher and Sunday school superintendent for many years at the Snow Hill Methodist church.