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A. S. SOLESBEE PASSES FRIDAY

Had Been Preaching For
More Than 35 Years;
Funeral Saturday

Ref. A. S. Solesbee, 61, prominent Baptist minister, died at his home two miles north of Franklin last Friday morning after a two weeks' illness. Mr. Solesbee was a sufferer from Bright's disease and had been in bad physical condition for several months.

Funeral services were conducted at the Holly Springs Baptist church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, and Rev. D. C. McCoy, of Oak Grove. The Junior Order of United American Mechanics of which order he had long been a member, conducted the services at the grave. Pallbearers were Geo. West, Sam Murray, R. D. Sisk, C. A. Meadows, John H. Dalton, J. M. Raby and W. C. Ledbetter. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Solesbee had been preaching for more than 35 years and had preached in practically every church in Macon county during his ministerial life. He served as moderator of the Macon county Baptist association for something like 10 years. He received his education at the Hiawasse high school, Hiawasse, Ga., and entered the ministry in early life.

Mr. Solesbee represented Macon county in the general assembly in 1937 and was the nominee of the republican party last year but could not make the race on account of ill health.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Belle Kilpatrick; three daughters, Mrs. Robert Reid, of Murphy; Mrs. Thad Patton, of Franklin Route 2; Mrs. G. K. Phillips, of Clinton, Tenn.; two sons, Spurgeon and Paul, of Franklin; three brothers, J. P., of Nantahala; Charlie, and W. A. Solesbee; two sisters, Mrs. A. L. Poindexter, of Iotla, and Mrs. George Younce, of Nantahala.

Volunteer Day Service At Presbyterian Church

A special Volunteer Day service will be observed Sunday at the morning worship service in the local Presbyterian church, according to an announcement made by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the church.

Pledges for the support of the work for the coming fiscal church year which begins on April 1st, will be made at this time.

The local church has made a fine record in its giving this year and is hoping to meet all of its obligations by the last of the year.

For the next two Sundays special offerings will be received for the support of the home mission work in the Presbytery. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service.

Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)

Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed, hens 13c
Chickens, light weight, lb. 9c
Eggs, doz. 17c
Corn, bu. \$1.00
Wheat, bu. \$1.15
Potatoes, No. 1, bu. \$1.25
Field peas, bu. \$1.60
Crowder peas, bu. \$2.25
Yellow Mammoth Soy Beans, bu. \$1.60
Florida Beans, bu. \$2.25
Onions, bu. 80c
Walnuts, per 100 lbs. \$1.20

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 31c

Lord's Acre Plan

Outlined at Meeting Held
Here Saturday

The Lord's Acre plan, which has broadened the usefulness of many rural churches throughout western North Carolina, was outlined Saturday in an illustrated lecture by the Rev. Dumont Clarke, director of the religious department of the Farmers Federation, at a meeting in the Presbyterian church. Approximately 75 persons, representing many churches of the town and county, were present.

Rev. Mr. Clarke told how various churches which had adopted the Lord's Acre plan had cleared up old indebtedness, attracted new members and were now operating on a self-supporting basis. In some instances members of these churches work together on land set aside for the church, growing crops from which the revenue is put into the church treasury. In other instances, individual members of a church pledge to the church a specified portion of their farm yields, or set aside "an acre for the Lord," a portion of their orchards, or some of their chickens, hogs or livestock.

The Rev. O. C. Landrum, Presbyterian minister of Hazelwood, praised the Lord's Acre plan and told of how it had put new life into a small rural church in Haywood county.

James G. K. McClure, Jr., president and general manager of the Farmers Federation and founder of the Lord's Acre movement, and Vance Browning, head of the federation's educational department, also spoke. The Rev. O. E. Crox, pastor of the Macon county Methodist circuit, presided at the meeting. Arrangements for the gathering were made by a committee headed by the Rev. Arthur Flanagan.

Miss Margaret McGuire rendered a vocal solo, "Only God Can Make a Tree."

The meeting closed with the Lord's Acre play, "The Courage of Consecrated Giving," presented by young people of Union Methodist church.

NEW HIGHWAY BEING BUILT

Dillard - Highlands Road
To Benefit Tourists
And Truckers

One of the most noteworthy projects being carried on by the Nantahala national forest is the construction of a high standard forest service highway between Highlands, N. C. and Dillard, Ga.

The highway, when completed, will be approximately 15 miles in length, shortening the distance on the old road by almost three miles. The surfacing of this highway consists of three courses of crushed stone, giving a total depth of eight inches over a width of 16 feet. The width of grade, including ditches, is approximately 25 feet and 22 feet plus allowance for shrinkage on fills. One bridge with an 81 foot span will be constructed.

Approximately four miles of this highway lies in Georgia.

This highway, when completed, will receive heavy use, both recreational and commercial. Thousands of tourists visit Highlands, N. C., each summer, most of them coming from Atlanta and other Southern cities via Clayton, Ga., and Franklin, N. C. This route will be shortened 22 miles by taking the new highway from Dillard, Ga.

Townships surrounding Highlands produce many tons of cabbage, beans and potatoes, producing an annual income of more than \$100,000. Most of this is hauled to Atlanta by truck. This traffic will make exclusive use of the new and shorter route.

Stockholders of Farmers Federation Hold Meeting

STOCKHOLDERS MEET SATURDAY

Annual Meeting of Federation
to be Held in
Asheville

ASHEVILLE, March 17.—The annual meeting of stockholders of the Farmers Federation, Inc., has been called for 10 o'clock Saturday morning, March 20, in the assembly room of the Buncombe county courthouse.

This farmers' cooperative, which was organized in 1920 by a small group of farmers in the Fairview section of this county, now has 3,100 stockholders and operates 15 warehouses in nine western North Carolina counties, in addition to a cannery, several baby chick hatcheries and sweet potato curing houses.

Reports on activities of the federation during the past year will be submitted at Saturday's meeting by James G. K. McClure, Jr., president and general manager; Guy M. Sales, assistant general manager, and by various departmental heads.

The varied activities of the federation will be shown in motion pictures.

Representative L. L. Burgin, of Henderson county, has accepted an invitation to address the meeting on "Tobacco."

The principal business to come before the stockholders will be the election of directors. Each county where the federation operates is entitled to two directors with terms of two years, and in addition there are seven directors-at-large. Nine regular directors and three directors-at-large are to be elected this year.

Notices of the meeting, together with blank proxies, have been sent to all stockholders. Those unable to attend are requested to give their proxies to some stockholder who can represent them.

In view of the increasing interest in the federation, officials of the organization are preparing for a large attendance Saturday.

Coffee and sandwiches will be served at the close of the meeting.

Episcopal Services for Easter Season

Arrangements have been completed for the services to be held in the Episcopal churches during the Easter season.

On Good Friday at St. Agnes', Franklin, there will be the three-hour service starting at noon when addresses will be given by the rector on the Seven Words from the Cross. These addresses will be interspersed with meditation and hymns and every one in the community is invited to attend. If you cannot come for the entire three hours, come in for whatever time you can. At 7:30 p. m. there will be a service in the Church of the Incarnation, Highlands, at which special music will be rendered and an address appropriate for the occasion will be given.

The usual sunrise festival service of Holy Communion will be held in St. Agnes' at 6:30 a. m. on Easter Day. The success of this service in the past years leads us to expect a good attendance again this year. At 11 a. m. the same day there will be a communion service with sermon by the rector at the Church of the Incarnation, Highlands, where there will also be a service at 4 p. m. when the church school will be in charge of the music and the Lenten offering will be presented.

To all these services the public is cordially welcome.

Tobacco Planting Urged; Advisory Committee Reelected

Macon county stockholders of the Farmers Federation, incorporated, held their annual meeting Saturday in the federation's warehouse on Palmer street with an attendance of between 75 and 100.

The county advisory committee of 10 members was reelected and Jerry Franklin, of Franklin Route 4, was nominated as one of two members from this county on the federation's board of directors. Mr. Franklin was nominated to succeed E. B. Byrd, of Stiles, whose two-year term as a director had expired. Mr. Byrd requested, on account of other responsibilities, that his name not be submitted again. The other director from Macon county is Carl Slagle, of Route 1, whose term extends for another year.

Much interest was manifested at the meeting in an address by J. M. Hayes, president of the Asheville Tobacco Board of Trade. He outlined the methods of seeding tobacco beds, transplanting the plants, how to fertilize and cultivate them, and how to cure the weed. It is still early enough, he advised, to set out plant beds; but he urged all farmers intending to grow tobacco crops this year to get their seed beds planted as soon as possible.

Several farmers indicated that they would plant small tracts in burley this year.

James G. K. McClure, Jr., president and general manager of the federation, encouraged the Macon county farmers to try tobacco planting but advised them to put out only an acre or half an acre until they have gained more experience in cultivation of the crop. Expressing the opinion that in due time tobacco could be made the means of increasing the cash income of Macon farmers, Mr. McClure cited the experience of one farmer in Buncombe county, who in 1934 received \$900 for a two-acre crop, \$1,100 from two acres in 1935 and \$2,289.50 from three acres in 1936.

Guy M. Sales, assistant general manager, reported that the federation as a whole had enjoyed substantial increases in business last year as compared with the previous year. He expressed confidence in continuing gains this year.

Vance Browning, former state senator from this district, who is in charge of education activities of the farmers' cooperative organization, traced the history of cooperative consumers' groups and explained how the Farmers Federation functions to the advantage of its members. He stressed the point that the federation belongs to and is operated by the farmers themselves, each stockholder, regardless of the amount of stock he holds in the organization, having an equal voice in control of its affairs.

Members of the advisory committee, which was reelected, are: Carl Slagle, Route 1, chairman; J. R. Holbrooks, West's Mill; W. D. Barnard, Route 3; James Young, Route 2; Jerry Franklin, Route 4; William Higdon, Cullasaja; J. I. Vinson, Otto; J. S. Conley, Franklin; R. M. Shook, Route 4; E. B. Byrd, Stiles.

Sewing Rooms Produce Many Garments

The sewing rooms in Macon county operated by the WPA are producing around 3,400 garments per month, at a cost per garment of less than \$1.00.

The payrolls amount to something like \$1,500 per month.

Since the sewing rooms were started 21,623 garments have been made and distributed in the county through the welfare department.

GRAVELLY BILL BECOMES LAW

Measure Ratified Monday
Provides \$250,000 to
Advertise State

The General Assembly ratified and enacted into law Monday the Gravelly bill appropriating \$250,000 during the 1937-39 biennium to advertise North Carolina.

This act, passed by the house on its final reading at Edenton last Thursday, places the state Department of Conservation and Development in charge of the advertising program.

R. Bruce Etheridge, director of this department, said that he will confer with newspaper publishers, officials of various promotional and tourist agencies, and other state leaders before completing the department's tentative draft of the two-year program.

The Asheville Citizen and The Asheville Times, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, the Carolina Motor club and similar organizations of the state were leaders in the fight to secure the \$250,000 appropriation.

The Assembly had set March 18 as the date for adjournment, but several major bills remain to be acted upon, and it is thought that the business cannot be finished before Saturday night.

Tax Limit Law Repealed

The senate passed on second reading Monday night a bill repealing the act which fixed the Macon county tax rate at \$1 on the one hundred dollars valuation. This law made it difficult for the officials to secure a refunding of the county's indebtedness, and its repeal clears the way for a satisfactory settlement with the holders of county bonds.

Grazing Permits

To Be Issued For Limited
Areas In Forest

Any person wishing to range stock on National Forest land within the Nantahala National Forest should read the following information carefully.

Grazing of stock on forest land has, in the past, caused considerable damage to young trees. For this reason it is not considered a good forestry practice. However, as an accommodation to the local residents living within the Nantahala national forest boundaries, it is permitted on certain areas.

Areas closed to all grazing include the Joyce Kilmer Memorial forest near Lake Santeetlah, the Wayah state game refuge, and all national forest land in the Wayah ranger district.

Grazing permits are required for all stock grazed on national forest land. Stock grazed on this land without a permit are in a state of trespass for which the owner is liable to prosecution.

Any person wishing to range stock on national forest land in the Nantahala ranger district should write to district forest ranger Nothstein in Andrews, N. C., and request a grazing application form. This form should be filled out to show the number of stock desired to be ranged and the location in which it is desired to range them.

Cattle, hogs and sheep must be tagged before being turned loose to range. This consists of fastening a metal clip, with a number stamped on it, in the animal's ear. Horses, mules and small calves are not tagged. The tagging is done by the district forest ranger or his assistant.

A certain number of cattle may be grazed free. A small charge is made for others. Permits, however, are required whether a charge is made or not.