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SILER RITES HELD SUNDAY

Prominent Educator And Religious Leader Buried Here

Funeral services for Mrs. Frank Siler, 85, outstanding educator and leader in Southern Methodism, who died in Waynesville Friday morning at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. L. Davis, were conducted at Long's Chapel, at Lake Junaluska, at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The body was then brought to Franklin for interment. The Rev. J. R. Carper was in charge of the service.

Pallbearers were J. H. Anderson, of Clyde; Guy Fullbright, Waynesville; Fred Thompson, Lake Junaluska; Allen Siler, Waynesville; George Sherrill, Asheville; and Frank Martin, Waynesville.

Surviving Mrs. Siler are two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Pattillo, of Tampa, Fla., and Mrs. Annie Johnston, of Franklin; two step-sons, Gilmer, of New York City, and Beal Siler, of Tampa; and two step-daughters, Mrs. Harry (Annie) Howard and Mrs. O. F. (Virginia) Bulkner, of Worcester, Mass.

Inactive For Years

Mrs. Siler has been inactive for the past few years. She selected the text for her funeral services before her death and also the songs she wished to be sung. The text: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever," from the eighth verse of the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews.

The songs she requested were: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go."

Mrs. Siler was a native of Georgia and was Miss Emily Allen before her marriage. Her father was a Methodist minister in that state and she lived in quite a number of Georgia towns. She was graduated from Bessie Tift college at Forsyth, Ga., and taught in a number of Georgia schools.

She was dean of Wesleyan college in Georgia for 20 years. She served for a number of years as teacher of religious literature and English at Greensboro College for Women. At another period, she served as secretary of the mission work of the Southern Methodist church. For a period, she edited the Methodist periodical which preceded the World Outlook, the first home mission magazine of the denomination in the South.

In addition to her educational and religious work, Mrs. Siler found time to write many poems of high merit.

Mrs. Siler's late husband was the son of Jacob Siler, one of the four Siler brothers who were pioneer settlers of Macon county, and Mrs. Siler—although no blood kin—became a member of the big Siler connection in everything but blood. Whenever possible, she attended the annual Siler family meetings in Macon county, and often made interesting talks at these reunions.

Primary Teachers Guests Of Mrs. Guffey

The primary division of the Macon County Teachers' Association were guests of Mrs. Guffey, teacher in the first grade of the Franklin school, in her classroom on Saturday morning, January 28. Mrs. Guffey and her students showed how a new lesson in a supplementary reader may be a thrilling adventure.

This group of teachers are looking forward to visiting the classroom of Mrs. Pearl Hunter, teacher in the third grade, at the next meeting.

Mrs. Hoyt Williams is president, Mrs. Elizabeth Higdon, vice-president, Miss Vera Howard, secretary; program committee, Miss Amanda Slagle, Miss L. A. Ramsey and Mrs. Pearl Hunter. Miss Charlotte Young is director of the group.

Timber Given

By Forest Service For NYA Projects

Timber for the construction of three community projects in Macon county has been donated by the United States forest service. Over 50 thousand board feet of chestnut sawlogs have been given to the National Youth Administration for the construction of 54 school bus lean-to's along roads in Macon county.

A community center in the Cartoogechaye section, also to be constructed by the NYA, has been granted an administrative use permit for over 17 thousand board feet of chestnut sawlogs by Supervisor Charles Melichar of Nantahala national forest.

At Highlands, the newly organized Boy Scout troop has undertaken the construction of a rustic hut on the main street. The chestnut logs approximating 10 thousand board feet are supplied by the forest service.

Initial work in landscaping the recently completed agricultural building in Franklin was undertaken with the planting of two large boxwoods donated by Nantahala forest.

The material for these projects was given free of charge by the forest service to assist both the NYA and communities in developing these structures.

W. N. C. SCHOOL MEETING FEB. 4

Better School Law Will Be Discussed By Leaders

A western district meeting of all those interested in a more adequate school law will be held Saturday, February 4, at 7:30 o'clock in the superior court room of Buncombe county courthouse. Classroom teachers, superintendents, principals and parents are requested to be present.

The program will consist of music, short speeches from state senators and representatives, and leaders in legislative work.

The purpose of the meeting is to get a more unified expression of interest in the legislative program set up by the various organizations; to give more publicity to the work; and to discuss means of getting adopted the measures which are considered necessary for the progress of our schools.

This meeting is being sponsored by Junius L. Allison, chairman of the legislative committee of the N. C. classroom teachers; Mrs. E. L. McKee, chairman legislative committee of the N. C. congress of parents and teachers, and T. C. Roberson, superintendent of schools of Buncombe county.

It is hoped that many Macon county teachers, parents and those interested in a more adequate school law will attend this meeting.

W. M. S. Zone Meeting To Be Held Feb. 8

The zone meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Methodist churches in Macon county, will be held at the Franklin Methodist church on Wednesday, February 8, beginning promptly at 10 o'clock, it has been announced by Mrs. Fred Slagle, zone leader for Macon county.

Mrs. F. E. Branson, of Canton, district secretary for the Waynesville district, plans to be present for the meeting and urges a large delegation from each society in the county, and she especially urges the attendance of the superintendents of Christian Social Relations.

The dinner which will be served at the noon hour, will be furnished by the attending members. All members are urged to attend.

JAKE W. HENRY PASSES JAN. 26

Funeral Services Held At Ellijay Baptist Church Last Friday

Jake W. Henry, 70, widely known farmer and cattle raiser of the Ellijay section, died at 3 o'clock last Thursday morning at his home following an illness of several months. Mr. Henry, who also was interested in minerals of this section,



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was the son of the late William and Katherine Moore Henry. He was born and raised in the Ellijay section and was a member of Ellijay Baptist church.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Carrie Moses; four daughters, Mrs. Howard Keener, of Boston, Mass., Mrs. Grady Mashburn, Mrs. Albert Rogers and Mrs. Richard Ammons, of Ellijay; six sons, Fred, Charlie, Canton, Grady, Thomas and Joe Henry, all of Ellijay; one brother, R. A. Henry, of Ventura, Calif.; and one sister, Mrs. Edith Carpenter, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Ellijay Baptist church conducted by the Rev. E. W. Jamison, of Sylva. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Joseph Ashear, Ransom Ledford, Henry Corbin, Melvin Bowman, Fred Williams and Asbury Gregory.

Funds Needed For School Bus Stations

In another column is reported the generous donation by the forest service of timber for the construction of 54 waiting stations for children using the school buses in Macon county.

Twelve of these have been completed by the employees of the National Youth Administration. Work began in November when the county commissioners voted to supply funds for the purpose, at the rate of \$3 for each station erected, up to 12 stations. This amount covered cost of nails and fuel for the NYA truck which did all the hauling. The roofs are of hand-hewn shingles; the interstices were made as narrow as possible, since no cement was provided. Gravel is needed to improve the dirt floors. If the remaining 42 are to be built it will be necessary to obtain \$200 for the purpose. Voices of parents all over the county are raised in supplication and demand for this necessity. It is hoped that many will be able to come to the court house next Monday, February 6, when the proposition will be put before our hard-pressed, but ever-patient commissioners to provide this sum for the protection of the lives and health of little children of the county. Meeting, unsheltered, in the bitter cold of early morning, often with thin clothing, takes its toll in lives of school children every winter, as doctors and teachers will testify.

Boy Scouts

To Observe Anniversary Next Week

The week from February 8 to 15 has been designated as the National Boy Scout week to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts in America.

The local Troop under the leadership of J. Hauser, scoutmaster, is to take its part in the celebrations. The local program will start on Wednesday, February 8, with a program in the new agricultural building at 7:30 p. m., when the forest service will entertain with moving pictures entitled, "A good turn for our Forests" and "Forests and Men." During the evening a pause will be made to listen to the message which it is expected the President of the United States will broadcast from the White House.

The annual service will be held at the Methodist church at the Sunday evening hour on February 12, and it is hoped that a program may be presented at the meeting of the Rotary Club on Wednesday, February 15, to conclude the celebration.

It is hoped to have a demonstration window in town setting forth the principles of Scouting, and talks made at the chapel program in the school. A full program of events will be given in next week's paper. In the meantime, plan to attend at the start next Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The public should become interested in this greatest of all character building organizations for boys. It is hoped that many in the community will take a part and be present at all events.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. RAMEY, 63

Well Known Lady Passes At Home Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Mollie Marchetti Ramey, 63, died at her home on Tesenta Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock following an illness of about eight hours. Death was attributed to a sudden heart attack.

Mrs. Ramey was born and reared at Highlands, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Henry. She moved to Charleston, S. C., where she made her home for 25 years. Later she moved back in 1921, to "Valley View Farm" near Otto, where she spent the remainder of her life. She was married to W. T. Ramey, of Walhalla, S. C., in 1937.

During the years that Mrs. Ramey spent in South Carolina, she always came back to the mountains to spend her summers.

Mrs. Ramey was a faithful member of the Dryman Chapel Methodist church on Tesenta.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Dryman Chapel Methodist church, with the Rev. John Batey, a Baptist minister of Highlands, in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband and one son, Louis D. Marchetti, by a former marriage, and two grandsons, Louis, Jr., and Donald E. Marchetti, and five brothers, N. L. Henry, of Tesenta; Ike Henry, of Mountain Rest, S. C.; Joe Paul, Miller and Love Henry, all of Highlands.

The pallbearers were: Thomas Hunt, Roy Henry, Earl Cabe, Tom Hopkins, Ted Henry and Hayes Buchanan.

Benefit Bridge Monday, February 13

There will be a benefit bridge at the American Legion hall on Monday, February 13, at 2:30 p. m. The regular price of 25 cents admission will be charged and the proceeds will be given to the P.-T. A.

ASSEMBLY GETS 2 MACON BILLS

Measures Seek To Repeal Laws Enacted At 1937 Session

The local bills concerning Macon county were introduced in the General Assembly last Thursday by Representative George B. Patton. Both are measures to repeal acts passed at the 1937 session.

The first bill seeks to repeal the act limiting the allowance for feeding prisoners in the county jail to 15 cents per meal. The proposed law would permit the commissioners to fix the allowance. It was referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

Representative Patton's second bill would repeal the act establishing a live-stock commission for Macon county and give the duties to the county commissioners. The bill was sent to the committee on agriculture.

Two other repeal measures of Representative Patton were reported in The Press last week, and all four are now pending, three in the house and one in the senate, and it is thought that there will be little opposition to their passage.

Among matters of state-wide importance before the legislative body, is a new school bill introduced by Representative Mallinson, of Pamlico, would increase the compulsory school attendance age from 14 to 16 years; reduce slightly the pay of principals of large schools; provide that school buses could not be overloaded; provide that teachers be paid in 12 monthly installments, instead of eight as now; and authorize the appointment of a commission for curriculum study, for the purpose of placing more emphasis on vocational education and local and state history and affairs.

The matter of diversion of highway funds is being hotly discussed, and will probably be carried from the committee to the floor of the house. Governor Hoey, who strongly favors diversion of a sum equal to the amount the state's three per cent sales tax would total if collected on gasoline, made a strong plea to the assembly Tuesday in which he said:

"I maintain the state owns the roads—the roads do not own the state."

The governor also asserted that school children, needy aged persons and handicapped individuals might suffer unless a provision was made in the state's budget for the possible transfer during the next 30 months of \$7,000,000 from the highway to the general fund.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that the assembly will uphold the Governor on the diversion matter, although a hot fight is in prospect before the question reaches settlement.

Basketball Schedule For Season

The Franklin "All-Star" basketball team has completed arrangements for the remainder of the current season.

The boys, with only two defeats, engage Murphy here Thursday night; Brevard college at Brevard on February 7, and Sylva here on February 13. Other games scheduled include Enka, Andrews, Clayton, Hayesville, Sellers all-stars, and Webster.

The girls will play Hayesville, Sylva, Andrews, Clayton, and Webster. They will also enter the girls' tournament in Sylva.

FSA Officials Attend Meeting In Asheville

William G. Davis, county supervisor; Kay F. Montague, clerk in charge; Florence L. Stalcup, home management supervisor, and Carolyn Nolen, junior clerk-typist, attended a three-day district farm security administration meeting in Asheville last week.