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## "Battle of Miles" Continues as Baby Derby Finish Line Nears

### Candidates Need To Hurl Themselves Into Fray In Hot Race To Capture Credits

### HIGHLANDS LAD IS LEADER ON THIS WEEK'S HONOR ROLL

One Five-Year Subscription This Week Worth 800 Miles—One 10-Year Gives 2000 Miles—Extensions Are Very Valuable, Too

Another new name sweeps into the limelight in the Baby Derby as Raymond Cleveland, Highlands, takes the lead in the Honor Roll. This last race for Honor Roll positions was closer by far than any of the previous counts. While the Honor Roll has shown a weekly shakeup, the totals up to this time show the leaders well bunched in total mile credits.

What a race this is, folks—not one of the leaders on the various Honor Rolls have a lead over the field that is worth "bragging" about—the leaders are closely bunched, and it is highly probable that by the time the next Honor Roll is shown there will be several changes. The very work that is accomplished during this week may be just what it takes for one of them to "clinch" the first prize of \$200 and loving cup, honor and glory.

The sixth Honor Roll is listed in the Baby Derby page. The positions occupied refer only to one week and are not based upon the complete standing to date. Babies having a high standing on the other Honor Rolls and a lower one on this Honor Roll, naturally, occupy a higher position for the race as a whole than their position in this Honor Roll designates.

Gather close to the rail, readers, and witness an exciting finish to this Baby Derby—the hope stretch has been reached, and just one week from Saturday, one of the parents of one of the babies in this race is going to be the proud owner of \$200 and the beautiful loving cup. Mrs. J. K. Jewell, Mount Airy, N. C., whose baby won the first prize and cup there writes, "Mr. Harvey tell the mother who wins the Baby Derby that she can prepare for the most thrilling moment that will ever

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## SOCIAL AGENCY MEETING HELD

### Highlands Lions Hosts To Party At Ladies' Night Dinner

Macon County Council of Social Agencies met Monday evening at dinner with the Highlands Lions Club at the Edwards Hotel on the occasion of "Ladies Night," with an attendance of 50. Special speakers from the state board of charities and public welfare, Raleigh, were Miss Jane M. Hashagen, child case consultant, and Miss Victoria Bell, field social worker.

Miss Hashagen explained the work of 18 units now working in counties, putting on programs of child welfare, seeking to solve the problems of individual children in unsuitable and underprivileged surroundings, to encourage better diet and living conditions, to make more effective state aid for dependent children given widowed mothers of small children and to find homes for homeless children. Miss Bell commended the work being done in Macon county, advising the making of a survey and gathering of facts for the more efficient functioning of welfare agencies. J. B. Napier, visiting organizer of Lions Clubs, told of the extensive work done by Lions Clubs in their special project of aiding the blind and those with poor vision, especially little children. He explained the Clubs' aid to schools to obtain better lighting and children to secure proper glasses and medical attention for the correction of defects of sight. Describing many phases of work for needy children, Mr. Napier appealed to all to become workers for the 15 million children needing the lifting up of helping hands extended to them with understanding sympathy.

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## Hot Game

### With Canton On Local Field Sunday

A red hot game is promised for next Sunday afternoon when the Franklin team goes against the crack outfit from Canton on the local field.

The Canton team is the leader in the Industrial League, and the Franklin boys have a real fight on their hands, but they are in good shape and should give the visitors plenty of trouble.

### S. W. Womack, 75 Died Wednesday Morning

Samuel William Womack, 75, well known jeweler, died at his home in East Franklin Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock after an illness of several months.

Mr. Womack was born in Ruthersford county on September 23, 1859, and was the son of the late Jonah and Sarah Milton Womack. He came to Macon county with his parents at the age of 12 years and spent his early life working in his father's tannery. On November 10, 1883, he was married to Miss Lavada Smiley, of Swain county.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Wade Elliott, of Asheville; four sons, Lyman Womack, of Andrews; Otto, Roy and Dewey Womack, all of Franklin; three brothers, Robert E. and Silas J. Womack, of Franklin, and Anderson Womack, of Sylva, 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the home Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, with the Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, in charge. Burial was in the Franklin cemetery.

### Stores To Be Closed On July 4th

The following Franklin merchants have joined in an agreement to close their places of business all day on Tuesday, July 4th, and ask that their customers get in their supplies on Monday:

Peoples Market  
Dixie Store  
Sloan's Market  
A & P Tea Co.  
City Market  
Cecil Pendergrass  
Farmers Federation.

Roy F. Cunningham will be closed from Monday noon until Wednesday morning.

## Marker Honors Founder Of Original Rabun Gap School

### LIONS ORGANIZE FRIDAY NIGHT

### Twenty Members Attend Meeting; Officers Elected

Organization of the Franklin Lions Club was perfected at a meeting held at Cagle's restaurant on Friday night, June 23.

Organizer J. B. Napier was in Franklin for several days last week and experienced no difficulty in getting the required number of citizens to form the club. Fifteen members are required before a charter can be obtained, but there were 20 enthusiastic business and professional men present at the organization meeting. They were as follows: T. W. Angel, Jr., Lester Arnold, James L. Averell, Daniel Bryson, Rev. Frank Bloxham, W. C. Burrell, Charles Bradley, A. G. Cagle, J. H. Coman, Joseph Dowdle, W. T. Moore, Leo Manley, John McCollum, Lee Poindexter, Woodrow Reeves, James Sutton, Verlon Swafford, Jack Sanders, Joel Tompkins, Ralph Womack.

The following officers were elected: T. W. Angel, Jr., president; Joel Tompkins, first vice-president; Leo Manley, second vice-president; Woodrow Reeves, third vice-president; James Sutton, secretary; Lester Arnold, lion tamer; W. T. Moore, tail twister; Rev. Frank Bloxham, W. C. Burrell and Jack Sanders, directors.

The club will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p. m. at Cagle's restaurant. July 29 will be charter night, and Rev. Frank Bloxham has been named as charter chairman.

### Theatre To Open At 10 A. M. July 4th

It is announced that the Macon Theatre will start the first show at 10 a. m. on July 4th. A double feature bill is offered, with a good Western, "Sunset Trail," and "Never Say Dye," with Bob Hope and Martha Raye, and a good cast.

### Many Attend Unveiling At School Last Saturday

More than 400 people gathered at the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school Saturday morning to honor their pioneer educators and to unveil a marker in memory of a teacher who labored under great handicaps in the days when the people were striving to survive amid the horrors of reconstruction and the destitution which was the aftermath of the Civil War.

The exercises were held in a grove completely shaded by magnificent white oaks, where once stood the residence of W. A. Curtis, the founder of the school, in whose honor the occasion was planned. Two rooms of the old house are now a part of the commodious home of the dean, and the speakers addressed the crowd from the veranda.

Dr. A. J. Ritchie, president of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school, was the first speaker, and paid high tribute to Mr. Curtis as a teacher and as a leader in everything pertaining to the upbuilding of Rabun county. In speaking of the life and work of this outstanding citizen and educator, Dr. Ritchie said:

"We are late in paying this tribute to a man who meant so much to this community so many years ago. In his last years here and when he had moved away, it was a common remark that Mr. Curtis had done more good than any man who had ever lived here. As one of his pupils, I am glad and grateful to record the fact that Mr. Curtis was my inspiration. It is a great satisfaction to me that the present school stands on the foundation that he laid."

Dr. Ritchie was followed by M. (Continued on Page Ten)

### "Blue Sky Boys" To Be Here Saturday, July 8

The "Blue Sky Boys," radio stars, of Atlanta, will be at the Macon county court house on Saturday evening, July 8, at 8 o'clock, sponsored by the Oak Dale school. The money derived from the evening's performance will be used for the school library and toward the play grounds. The public is invited to attend this entertainment.

## HERE ARE MORE CONTENDERS IN THE "BABY DERBY" RACE



—Photo by Crisp Studio

### CORA CARLENE SORRELLS

West's Mill

This attractive young lady is Carlene, the almost three years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sorrells, West's Mill, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Cora Potts and Mr. J. W. Sorrells, all of West's Mill. Carlene has blue eyes, blonde hair. She is number nine of this week's Honor Roll. Watch her climb.



—Photo by Crisp Studio

### NORA JEAN BALDWIN

Franklin Route 3

Here's another little Miss who climbed on the Honor Roll. Nora is the two years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baldwin, Franklin Route 3, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Parrish, Franklin Route 3, and Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin, Franklin. Nora has blue eyes, and light brown hair.



—Photo by Crisp Studio

### GEORGE EDWARD SYPHER

Franklin

In George we have another proof that in the Baby Derby entrants we have the cream of Babyland in this section. He is the four years old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sypher, Franklin. He has brown eyes, brown hair and weighs 35 pounds. Remember, folks, there's a \$25 special prize for the most subscription money.



—Photo by Crisp Studio

### CAROLYN GERALDINE NORRIS

Otto

You can almost hear Carolyn say "Save your baby coupons for me." She is the 21 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miller Norris, Otto, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Seagle, Otto. Carolyn has blue eyes, blonde hair, and weighs 25 pounds. She landed way up in 13th position this week.



—Photo by Crisp Studio

### MARY FRANCES ROPER

West's Mill

A little puzzled by the "birdie" Mary made a very interesting subject. She is the 25 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Roper, West's Mill, and the granddaughter of Mrs. P. Hughes, West's Mill, and Mrs. Jennie Roper, West's Mill. Mary has blue eyes, blonde hair and weighs 24 pounds.