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HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Judge Felix Alley Speaks; Diplomas Awarded Tuesday Night

The commencement exercises of the Franklin high school will begin with the baccalaureate sermon in the Macon Theatre auditorium, on Sunday evening, May 12, at 8 o'clock. The Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church will preach the sermon. Mrs. Henry W. Cane will have charge of the music for the program.

The program will open with the processional, March from "Aida", by Verdi, after which the congregation will sing "Holy, Holy Holy." Rev. I. L. Roberts, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church will offer the invocation. The Scripture will be read by Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Frank Bloxham, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church will lead in prayer. Preceding the sermon, the choir, which will be composed of the combined choirs of the Franklin churches, will sing an anthem, "Brightly Gleam Our Banners", by Morrison.

The senior class will sing their class song, "Follow the Gleam". The recessional, march from "Tannhauser" by Wagner, following the benediction, will close the baccalaureate service.

Judge Felix Alley of Waynesville, will deliver the commencement address at the graduating exercises on Tuesday evening, May 14, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Otela Bryson will give the salutatory address, and Henry Cabe, Jr., will deliver the valedictory.

W. H. Finley, principal, will announce the awards and present the diplomas.

Following is a list of the candidates for graduation:

Alex Arnold, Grover Arvey, Otto Arvey, Dorothy Ashe, Edith Ashe, Lolita Baldwin, Lillian Beeco, Wayne Bradley, Melvin Brooks, Lucile Brookshire, Lucinda Bryant, Otela Bryson, Beauford Buchanan, Mattie Buchanan, Ruby Buchanan, Henry Cabe, Jr., Dovie Carpenter, Herman Carpenter, Wilburn Conley, Thomas Corbin, Raymond Culver, A. J. Davis, Helen Dehart, Clyde Dendy, John Edwards, Virginia Elliot, Fred Emory, Dorothy Fouts, W. R. Fouts, Virginia Gray, Homer Greene, Lorena Greene, Lucille Hall, F. J. Henderson, Roberta Henson, Perry Henson, Frances Hurst, Donald Jones, Dorothy Jones, Virginia Justice, Ella Mae Keener, Rosa Lee Kiser, Blanche Ledbetter, Maggie Ledbetter, Bernice Ledford, Hershel Ledford, Oscar Ledford, Lucy Mashburn, Leonel Meadows, June McCoy, Shirley McCoy, Bernice McDowell, Kate McGee, Hazel Miller, Harriett Murray, Phyllis Pendergrass, George Penland, Edith Poindexter, Lane Porter, Ellen Raby, Blon Ramey, Blyce Ramey, Edith Rickman, Grace Rogers, Melba Rowland, Harris Sanders, George Setser, John Setser, Lyle Shepherd, Fannie Mae Sherrill, Weaver Shope, Dorothy Sloan, Dorothy Southards, Dixie Waldroop, Dorothy Waldroop, Edith Waldroop, Berlin Welch, J. L. West, Jr.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

CHAMBERLAIN ESCAPES DEFEAT

Amid cries of Resign! Resign! Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain yesterday escaped overthrow by a slim majority of 81 votes when Winston Churchill rallied to his defense and accepted "the fullest responsibility," along with the rest of the cabinet, for the Allied defeat in Norway.

The leading London newspapers predicted that Chamberlain will resign as a result of the slim majority and that Foreign Minister Secretary Viscount Halifax would probably be his successor.

DUTCH FORCES READY

Holland's land, sea and all forces were prepared tonight to resist any invasion despite new assurances from European belligerents that the nation was in no immediate danger.

FRANCE WATCHES HOLLAND

Premier Reynaud last night called two cabinet meetings for today — one in his office and another

with President Lebrun at the Elysee palace—as the government kept a careful watch on developments in Holland.

ALLIES SEEK TO BLOCK ENEMIES IN BALKINS

Authoritative diplomatic quarters said today that Britain and France, pushing a campaign to create a solid southeastern bloc to stand against any German or Italian aggression in the Balkins, have offered a guarantee of Yugoslavia's territorial integrity and independence.

PRESIDENT PLANS N. C. TRIP IN JUNE

President Roosevelt today tentatively scheduled another visit to North Carolina in addition to his plans to dedicate the Great Smoky Mountains National park on June 11. He told an N. C. delegation that he hoped to leave Washington when Congress adjourned.

The house voted 232 to 153 to override President Roosevelt's re-organization order shifting the CAA to the commerce department,

For Assembly



ROBERT R. PATTON
Who Announces His Candidacy In This Issue

Platform

Robert A. Patton Makes Statement

The following platform is announced by Robert A. Patton, candidate for the General Assembly, subject to the Democratic primary:

As a candidate for Representative from Macon county in the coming Democratic primary, I feel that the people of this county are entitled to a clear cut and plain statement of my position and my attitude toward certain matters of importance to the citizens of this county. In order therefore to make my position and intentions perfectly clear, I pledge myself, if nominated and elected to the following courses of action:

I will introduce and work continuously for the enactment of legislation repealing the present law providing for penalties on taxes.

I will support, with all my ability, legislation providing for adequate retirement plan for school teachers and all other state employees.

A number of good citizens from several sections of Macon county have filed as candidates for the Board of Education for Macon county. Believing, as I do in obeying the will of the people and in the democratic principles of government, I will abide by the result of the Democratic primary in the appointment of a Board of Education.

I will not introduce or support any local legislation based on personal feeling, whether the same be like or dislike or which is designed solely to harm any person or designed solely to give special privilege to any one but will, to the best of my ability, seek to serve the people of this county as fairly, justly and intelligently as I am able to do, without regard for class, condition or personal feelings.

In every possible way I shall strive toward the enactment of legislation which, after due consideration, appears to be for the best interest to the county as a whole and which will tend to further its progress and the welfare of its citizenship and I will oppose any and all legislation which appears to produce the contrary effect.

Register Now

The following announcement has been received from W. A. Lucas, Raleigh, chairman of the state board of elections, which should be a sufficient reminder to all voters who have not yet registered in the new registration now in progress in the county:

The registration books will close Saturday, May 11, at sunset. After that date there will be no registration until the registration period preceding the November election. A voter must be registered—and on the appropriate party primary registration book—in order to be able to vote on May 25, or in the second primary, if there should be a second primary.

There is a new registration now in progress in your county. It is possible that many qualified voters are unaware of the fact that they must register before the close of the books on May 11, in order to vote in either the first or second primary.

Meeting Called

To Plan Celebration Of De Soto's Visit Here

A meeting has been called at the Agriculture building for Monday evening at 8 o'clock to discuss the feasibility of commemorating the 400th anniversary of the visit of De Soto's expedition to Macon county. All interested citizens are urged to attend.

It has been suggested by Dr. C. C. Crittenden, secretary of the North Carolina Historical commission, that communities in Western North Carolina through which De Soto passed 400 years ago, should mark the historic event with some kind of celebration.

Until recent research proved the fact of De Soto's passing through Macon county, crossing the Little Tennessee river at a point north of the Franklin bridge, the location of the route has been a mooted question.

In a recent letter to the editor of The Franklin Press, Dr. Crittenden writes as follows: "The recently published Final Report of the United States De Soto Expedition Commission, House Document No. 71, 76th Congress, 1st Session, seems to settle the long-mooted question of whether De Soto and his party passed through the present territory of North Carolina. According to this report, he passed either through or near the town of Highlands, and went through both Franklin and Murphy. It seems that not only can the route be plotted, but even that the exact dates when the party stopped at various points can be ascertained. The date that De Soto was at Franklin is given as May 26, 1540 (old style), and the exact dates when he was at other points in Western North Carolina are also available."

The suggestion has been made that the week of June 23-29, when the azaleas are in bloom on Wayah, would be a suitable time for a celebration that would include a dramatic presentation of the visit of De Soto and his army.

The route has been definitely established according to the narrative of De Soto's secretary, Rodrigo Ranjel. The course followed led from South Carolina to Franklin via Highlands and Cullasaja creek across the Little Tennessee at Franklin, up Cartoogechay creek and up Black Gap to the head of Shooting creek. The late W. B. McGuire, of Franklin, in the summer of 1934, assisted Dr. Swanton of the Smithsonian Institution in establishing this trail which roughly follows an old Indian trail. Since a part of this coincides with the Appalachian trail, many would be interested in hiking over the route traversed by De Soto. It is suggested that one feature of the celebration be the furnishing of guides for hiking parties over the trail.

It is expected that many people will be in this section of the mountains at this time for the dedication of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Asheville Rhododendron Festival.

EARLE DONNAHOE IN FRANKLIN

Earle Donnahoe, democratic candidate for Congress in the 11th district, spoke in front of the courthouse Saturday afternoon. He explained the Townsend plan of old age pensions on which platform he is running.

Champion Angler



ED WHITTINGTON
With His Recent Catch While Fishing Near Wayah Depot

Season's Big Catch By Whittington

Here's a fish story told in pictures. Ed Whittington, an employee of the Nantahala National Forest exhibited this catch of rainbow trout to an admiring public on Main street recently. The largest fish is 20 inches long. Ed said that he had decided to quit when he had caught the other four, then thought he would throw in his hook twice again. On the last throw he caught the big one.

This catch is reported to be one of the finest ever taken in Macon county. The combined weight was seven and three-quarter pounds. They were caught with liver and spring lizard bait.

J. M. Broughton

Will Broadcast Monday Evening, May 13

J. M. Broughton will speak at the court house in Charlotte at 8 o'clock p. m., on Monday, May 13. At this meeting he will discuss that part of his platform which says, "Let's take the sales tax off the home table."

This speech will be broadcast by radio at that time over the Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Salisbury and other broadcasting stations.

Because of a conflict of programs, the speech will be rebroadcast by electrical transcription over radio station WSOC (Charlotte) at 8:30 p. m. on that day.

Highlands Pupils

Promoted To High School From 7th Grade

The following 22 students of the Highlands school have passed their seventh grade examinations and are candidates for certificates of promotion to the high school:

Nancy Potts, Lolita Holt, Maxie Wright, Fred Rodgers Elrod, Margaret Wiley, Ray McCall, Wenona Vinson, Glenn Wilson, Lewis Dendy, Dewey Elrod, Lewis Talley, Buddy Thompson, Arva Nix, Lois Kate Penland, Leslie Munger, Rhoda Jenkins, Roy McDowell, Jessie Vinson, Clarence Crane, Neville Bryson, R. L. Reese, Maggie Hopper.

Mayor Cooper

And His Sound Truck In Franklin Monday

Mayor Tom Cooper of Wilmington, candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket, arrived in Franklin late Monday afternoon, accompanied by Rod Sparrow who is assisting him in his campaign.

Traveling in a sound truck, Mayor Cooper's arrival was heralded by lively music that brought an audience quickly. Addressing the citizens assembled on the sidewalks of Main street, Mr. Cooper appealed for votes on a platform which high-lighted repeal of the sales tax, five dollar license tags, reducing cost of state government, better secondary roads and education system, and thirty dollar old-age pensions.

Mayor Cooper came here from Hendersonville, after stops along the way at Brevard, Rosman and Highlands. After speaking he resumed his trip in the red, white and blue sound truck, which is also his campaign headquarters, planning to spend the night in Murphy.

Chamber Of Commerce Assured At Meeting

Zebulon Weaver

And Son Visit Franklin Wednesday

Hon. Zebulon V. Weaver and his son, Zebulon V. Weaver, Jr., were visitors in Franklin on Wednesday. Many friends had the opportunity of greeting them during their brief stay and they were guests at the Rotary club for luncheon.

Mr. Weaver, who has served this district over a continuous period of 22 years, is a candidate for re-election, subject to the Democratic primary. His record of service to the district and state is an open book to all, and it is upon this, rather than speech making, that Mr. Weaver is relying for the success of his candidacy.

Town Board

Limits Main St. Parking For Local Cars

At the regular meeting of the town board on Monday night an ordinance was passed to restrict the parking of local cars on Main street between the hours of 8 a. m. to 7 p. m., and no double parking will be allowed.

For the purpose of giving space to visiting cars during the tourist season, local cars are limited to one hour's parking on Main street between Harrison avenue and the postoffice. Fines imposed on offenders will be \$1.00 for the first offense, \$2.00 for the second, and \$3.00 for any thereafter. This ordinance is similar to those adopted almost universally by resort communities who wish to welcome and encourage tourist travel.

The paving projects of the town were discussed, and it was reported that surfacing of the streets that have been rocked for paving will begin about May 15. The Asheville Paving company has the town's contract to surface all streets except Harrison avenue, which as part of Highway No. 28, will be paved by the state.

The sidewalk on Church street will be cut down to the level of the newly paved street, and terraces rebuilt it was stated.

The sum of \$75 was appropriated for chamber of commerce work for the benefit of Franklin's hospital-ity service for summer visitors.

Athletic Association To Meet Wednesday

The young people's athletic association will meet on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the basement of the Methodist church. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and to make plans for summer recreation. Work on the tennis court will be discussed. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

WPA National Celebration Observed By Macon Co.

Public Invited To Visit Sewing, Lunch And Other Projects

The County Commissioners who sponsor the WPA sewing room, have recently provided space for this project on the second floor of the Leach Building. Visitors to the project will find it more accessible than in its former quarters.

The sewing rooms in district 9, which is made up of 13 counties, one of which is Macon, make only one or two types of garments in a room, using the line method of sewing. The Franklin room is at present making only baby clothes.

During National Celebration Week, observed for the purpose of showing the public that "This Work Pays Your Community", a finished layette will be on display and the different steps in the making of these garments in line will be pointed out. The lines for these small garments are short, necessarily, and only a few steps. Every effort will be made for the public to become familiar with the work of sewing rooms and other women's projects of WPA, in the hope that the sponsors may prove to the people of the county that the county money spent to sponsor these projects is well spent, paying itself back ten-fold.

Canning Program
With the closing of school lunch rooms, many of these workers will

Committee Appointed To Collect Funds For Memberships

A large number of citizens attended the meeting at the court house Tuesday night, called to organize a Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Guy Houk presided and introduced the speaker, J. E. S. Thorpe, president of the Nantahala Power and Light company, who has just returned from a meeting of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Thorpe stated that this meeting had decided upon a change of policy to one of decentralization; and the creation of new chambers in small places as contributing to the prosperity of all. He advised the importance of having an objective and sticking to it. The speaker referred to material that may now be obtained from the national chamber to help small chambers of commerce.

Mr. Houk emphasized the necessity of carefully selecting the people who will direct the affairs of the organization, outlining some of the problems and how to meet them. Applause greeted the speaker's assertion that there are more recreational and scenic features within 15 miles of Franklin than in all the Great Smoky Mountains national park.

"If we want to get folks, we must provide something for them to do" Mr. Houk urged.

Committee Appointed
The motion of Gilmer A. Jones was passed unanimously that the chairman appoint a tentative committee headed by Mr. Thorpe to work out plans for a chamber of commerce, commissioned to secure members and paid-up subscriptions and to call a meeting of this membership to elect a board of directors.

Accordingly the following were appointed with Mr. Thorpe as chairman; Tom Angel, Ben McGlamery, Alf Higdon, Jim Perry, Frank Bloxham, Bob Gaines, Jess Conley, Bill Moore and Bill Sloan.

N. C. President Of U.D.C. Guest Of Macon Chapter

Mrs. L. E. Fisher, of Asheville, state president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be the guest of the Macon county chapter next Monday, May 13. A luncheon in Mrs. Fisher's honor will be given by the Daughters of the Confederacy at Franklin Terrace at 1 o'clock.

This is the first time that the state president has visited Franklin and all members are looking forward to the occasion. Mrs. Herbert E. Church, president of the Macon county Daughters of the Confederacy, will preside at the meeting which will immediately follow the luncheon, at which time Mrs. Fisher will address the chapter.

WPA National Celebration Observed By Macon Co.

go into a gardening and canning program which is a part of the same project, sponsored by the Board of Education and school officials. The produce raised in the gardens and canned during the summer makes it possible to serve a greater number of children and to have more varied lunches than could otherwise be done. The Franklin lunch room is the only one still in operation. It is hoped that many Franklin people will drop by during the present week to observe the preparation and serving of something like an average of 400 lunches daily. It will close on May 10.

Surplus Commodities
In addition to the large amount of produce raised in the gardens, another source from which the school lunches benefit is the Surplus Commodity Project, operated by WPA and in connection with the welfare department. This also is sponsored by the county commissioners and is located in the -McCoy Building basement. Each school is provided with a generous supply of food to be incorporated in the lunch served to undernourished children.

Information concerning this celebration and week of Open House May 20-25 will reach remote sections of the county next week by a circular placed in each book circulated on the Bookmobile, which is operated by WPA and sponsored by the Franklin public library and the board of education.