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National Colonial Dames To Erect Marker Here

400th Anniversary Of De Soto Expedition To Be Celebrated

News has been received that the National Society of Colonial Dames has chosen Franklin as the location of one of the markers commemorating the route of De Soto from Florida to the Mississippi.

At the meeting held last Monday evening to discuss the staging of a celebration to mark the 400th anniversary of De Soto's passing through Macon county, Mrs. G. Lyle Jones, of Asheville, representing the Colonial Dames committee of Buncombe county, outlined the plan of the national and state organizations in regard to the placing of the historical marker at this point of the route.

Mrs. Jones stated that the National Society of Colonial Dames had been invited by Dr. John K. Swanton, ethnologist of the Smithsonian Institution, and member of the De Soto Expedition commission, to place historical markers in the states through which De Soto passed.

The report of the commission to Congress has definitely located De Soto's route as passing through Macon county down the Cullasaja Gorge, crossing the Little Tennessee in Franklin. This fact has led to the choice of Franklin as the location of the memorial to be placed in North Carolina.

The date suggested by the North Carolina chapter of Colonial Dames for the ceremonies in connection with the placing and unveiling of the marker is June 26. The program will include the presentation of the memorial by Mrs. Walter J. Williamson of Wilmington, president of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, and its acceptance by Governor Clyde Hoey on behalf of the state. An address by an outstanding speaker will be a feature of the program. An address by an outstanding speaker will be a feature of the program. A historical interest in this event of historical significance is expected. The North Carolina Historical Commission is actively sponsoring the celebration. Mrs. G. Lyle Jones, chairman of the Buncombe county committee of Colonial Dames, and Mrs. Westray Battle, chairman of the historical activities, both of Asheville, are in charge of securing the marker, which will be of stone, bearing a bronze plate with the historical sketch and inscription.

William Trammell

From Duke Foundation Guest Of Hospital

Late Friday evening the members of the staff of the Angel hospital entertained physicians from Macon, Jackson, and Rabun counties, the members of the board of trustees of the hospital, William Trammell of the Duke Foundation, and several businessmen of Franklin. Those attending were Drs. W. H. Woody of East Laporte, J. K. Stoddard of Cashiers, W. A. Rogers of Franklin, J. H. Honsley of Franklin, F. M. Killian of Franklin, J. C. Dover of Clayton, J. A. Green of Clayton, Lester Neville of Dillard, and Ben P. Grant of Franklin, Rev. I. L. Roberts, A. B. Slagle, M. D. Billings, R. S. Jones, G. L. Houk, M. L. Dowdle, and H. H. Plemmons of Franklin, and William Trammell of Anderson, S. C.

Following a trout supper, short talks were given by several, followed by discussion of affairs pertaining to the hospital. After a word of welcome by Dr. Edgar Angel, the toastmaster, M. D. Billings, was introduced. An instructive and interesting talk was then given by the latter comparing the hospital and medicine of 60 years ago with those of today. The work of Lister, as described by Dr. W. W. Keen, "the father of American surgery," was discussed in detail. Following this Drs. Dover, Green, Stoddard, Rogers, and Mr. Houk and Mr. Trammell spoke briefly. Mr. Houk discussed the health of the school child. Mr. Trammell spoke on the purpose of the Duke Endowment, its method of operation, and the conditions necessary for obtaining aid from this fund. He also emphasized the fact that the hospital, since it serves the community, should receive and encourage more support from churches, civic organizations, and from that people of the county as a whole.

For Representative



DR. W. A. ROGERS
Dr. Rogers

Candidate For Assembly States His Stand

Dr. Rogers makes the following statement to the voters in the Democratic primary of May 25, 1940.

As a candidate for Representative for Macon county, in the General Assembly, I desire to make it clear to all voters that if nominated and elected I pledge myself:

To bend my every effort to repeal the penalty on taxes. In this connection, I call attention to the fact that during a former term of service as Representative from Macon county, I repealed a penalty existing on taxes at that time.

I will appoint the five men on the Board of Education who are nominated in the Democratic primary.

I will work toward increased appropriation for old age pensions, and aid to dependent children, so that more of our deserving people may have their rightful share of the benefits of this program. During my last term I fought, and was successful, in increasing the pensions to widows of Confederate veterans.

It has been spread around this county that during a previous term in the legislature, I passed a law regulating the fees for doctors in maternity cases. This is pure political propaganda and false on the face of it. There is no such law on the books and never has been. However, I pledge myself not to enact any legislation concerning fees for doctors.

I have represented this county several times and I have never yet tried to enact spiteful, hurtful or personal legislation. I do not propose to start doing this now. I invite a comparison of my record in this respect with that of my opponents. Past performance is a better guide than political promises.

I have always tried to work for the best interests of this county and state, and will continue to do so. So far as I am able I will try to represent all the people and to work for their interest. On the basis of the above I solicit your vote and confidence that I will abide by my promises to the letter.

Respectfully,
W. A. ROGERS

Mr. Houk Discovers Bones Of Indian

In the digging of the foundation for the Otto school, bones uncovered were observed by Guy Houk, county superintendent.

On investigation, Mr. Houk discovered what he believed to be an Indian grave, still intact, built of a layer of small rocks about the size of a man's fist on top of a layer of broken pottery—only a few bones remained.

Streets Closed For Asphalt

The following streets, which are being put into condition for asphalt, are closed:

West Main, from Log Cabin Garage to the Creamery; Bidwell, from West Main to Lyle. Bidwell street will be closed through to Harrison within a few days.

The actual pouring of asphalt will begin next week.

The cooperation of all drivers is requested, especially on the streets that have loose rock. Fifteen miles per hour should be the maximum speed over all streets under construction.

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL FINALS

Address Given By Judge Felix Alley; Rev. C. F. Rogers Preached

Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, was principal speaker at the final exercises of the Franklin high school on Tuesday evening in the high school auditorium. He used "World of Opportunity" for his topic. He was introduced by Guy L. Houk, county superintendent.

Following the address, the announcement of awards and conferring of the 78 diplomas was made by W. H. Finley, principal.

The valedictory, "Upholding Democracy," was made by Henry Cabe, Jr., valedictorian and class president. Miss Otela Bryson, salutatorian, gave the address of welcome.

The Belfour plaque for the most outstanding student was presented to Henry Cabe, Jr., for scholarship, loyalty, and achievement. Medals were awarded as follows: Scholastic, Henry Cabe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Cabe; athletic, John Setser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Setser, and activities, Miss Dorothy Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones.

The Elizabeth Kelly memorial award for the most outstanding seventh grade student went to Inez Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer L. Crawford.

"Open Doors was the theme used by the Rev. C. F. Rogers, who preached the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening in the Macon Theatre auditorium. All the local churches united in the baccalaureate service at the theatre. Rev. I. L. Roberts gave the invocation; Rev. J. A. Flanagan read the scripture and prayer was led by Rev. Frank Bloxham. The seniors sang their class song, "Follow the Gleam." Special music was rendered by a community choir of the local churches under the direction of Mrs. Henry W. Cabe, pianist.

Judge Cathey To Speak In Franklin Saturday

Judge Sam M. Cathey, Democratic candidate for Congress, will speak in the Franklin courthouse on Saturday afternoon, May 18, at 2:30 o'clock.

DEDICATION OF PARK DOUBTFUL

Due to the intensification of the war in Europe, it is doubtful whether the president can carry out his plans to dedicate the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on June 11.

As The World Turns

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

WAR NEWS

Swift and terrible warfare with appalling loss of life marks this week's war news. Winston Churchill has succeeded Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister of Great Britain, and a new war cabinet composed of Conservatives, Liberals and Laborites has been formed. The occupation of most of Norway by the Nazis has been followed by the occupation of Denmark and the overwhelming of resistance in the Netherlands.

The German motorized forces and air onslaught cut Holland in half as Queen Wilhelmina fled with her family and staff last Monday to London, where she has set up a temporary government.

THURSDAY'S WAR SUMMARY

Hitler congratulates troops for five-day Dutch conquest, as the swift German war machine drives to Louvain, 16 miles from the Belgian capital, with Belgian-Allied forces fighting to stem German tides. Nazis threaten bombardment of Brussels.

The French say the "situation is serious but not critical" as Germans pierce Allied positions north of Sedan through the outer fortifications of the Maginot line. A titanic battle is now raging as reinforced French troops battle desperately to stem the tide of Germany's attack.

In Rome anti-Allied demonstrations halt while Mussolini gives no clue to Italy's next move.

Alexandria reports that the Allied battle fleet has put to sea for maneuvers in the Mediterranean.

Lee Gravely Candidate For Governor Here Wednesday

L. Lee Gravely of Rocky Mount was in Franklin yesterday making acquaintances and greeting citizens. Mr. Gravely is waging a vigorous campaign on the platform of a business administration of the state's business.

In declaring for a third term for Franklin D. Roosevelt Mr. Gravely states: "For the past 25 years we have heard a great deal about how the federal government was going to help the farmer, but the only practical help he has ever gotten has been from the present administration headed by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Therefore, in this time of uncertainty, both at home and abroad, we need to continue his leadership in the administration of federal affairs."

C. OF C. MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

Board Of Directors To Be Elected At This Meeting

Printed notices are being sent out to all members of a meeting for the organization of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce on Monday evening at the courthouse at 8 o'clock.

The committee appointed at last week's meeting to collect memberships for a Franklin Chamber of Commerce reports that practically every business firm in and near Franklin and also a large number of individuals have paid their membership dues. The sum collected assures the carrying out of extensive plans for publicity and hospitality.

The meeting on Monday evening will complete organization with the election of a board of directors who will have active charge of the chamber's activities for the coming year.

The information booth is ready for service, it is reported, and the steamer is to be placed across Main street in front of the booth has been made and is ready to be placed.

The following committee has secured memberships: J. E. S., Thrope, chairman, Tom Angel, Ben McGlamery, Alf Higdon, Jim Perry, Frank Bloxham, Bob Gaines, Jess Conley, Bill Moore and Bill Sloan.

Macon County Democrats Elect J. Frank Ray Chairman



Who Announces for Chairman of Board of Commissioners

Frank I. Murray Runs On Past Record

Frank I. Murray, who announces his candidacy for re-election to the office of chairman of county commissioners this week, states that his platform is for economy. As present chairman Mr. Murray offers to continue on his previous record of service.

Clayton Wins

From Franklin In Double Header Game Here

Clayton's augmented all-stars came to town Sunday and proceeded to take both games of a double-header from the faltering Franklin club. In the opening game the visitors cut loose with their full power in the first inning, combining five hits and two walks to chase over five runs off the speed ball offerings of "Weeds" Higdon. The Franklin ace was never able to settle down consistently, giving up another run in the second inning, three more in the fourth and the final two in the fifth. From the sixth inning on out he gained control of the situation but the damage had been done. Franklin pecked along to push over five runs but missed several opportunities to score when base runners were left stranded because of the inability to consistently solve the twirling of two Clayton pitchers.

In the abbreviated night-cap the fans saw a different brand of ball. "Phantom Phil" McCollum took mound for the local club and for seven innings his portside slants had the Clayton sluggers baffled. It was a tough one for the little southpaw to lose as a very close decision at the plate cut off what would have proved to be the winning run. An error allowed a Clayton runner to score from third in the sixth inning but Franklin came back to tie it up in the seventh when Whitmire reached first on an error and took second on a passed ball. From second he scored on "Ole Hoss" Duvall's hard double to left-center. The game went into the 8th inning when Clayton put together a hit and an error to push across the winning run and taking the game 2 to 1. The tireless Higdon took over the catching assignment in the second game and hit one of the longest hits seen this year when he derricked one over the short left field wall, the ball hitting up on the hill by the old Jim Burrell mansion.

Franklin is scheduled to meet Hazelwood Sunday afternoon at the school field and it is expected that a large crowd will be on hand for the games.

Leading Batters

	At Bat	Hits	Pct.
Nichols	17	6	353
Higdon	23	8	348
Duvall	21	7	333
Duncan	31	10	329

Team Standing

	Won	Lost	Pct.
4	3	5	571

Pitching Standing

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Nichols	2	1	667
Higdon	2	1	667
McCollum	0	1	0

Joines Garage Damaged By Fire

Joines Garage on Palmer street was damaged by fire on Wednesday night about 10:30 o'clock. The fire was extinguished soon after the arrival of the fire department.

Party Passes Resolution For Renomination Of Roosevelt

J. Frank Ray, Franklin attorney and former representative in the general assembly, was unanimously elected chairman of the Macon county Democratic executive committee, at a meeting held in the courthouse on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Lassie Kelly, vice-chairman and Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, were reelected. The meeting was presided over by Dr. W. A. Rogers.

Dr. Rogers, candidate for representative in the general assembly, who has been chairman of the executive committee for the past 32 years, resigned prior to the election. He told of the growth of the party during this period. He said when he was first elected to this office, that the county was 65 per cent Republican and today the majority was 285 per cent Democratic. He expressed his appreciation to the group for their loyal support and cooperation while he served in this capacity, and while he was resigning office, he would give his time and support to the party in every way possible.

Resolution Adopted
Mr. Ray endorsed the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted by the large crowd present:

Whereas, seven years ago the Democratic party brought to the leadership of this nation a President whose vision, wisdom, humanity and statesmanship lifted the American people from the depths of depression and despondency to the high place of recovery and hope; and

Whereas, in this time of fear, and amidst the horrors of war abroad, the American people look to Franklin Delano Roosevelt to protect us and preserve our peace; and

Whereas, full confidence of the people is well founded in him;

Now, Therefore, we the Democrats of Macon county in convention assembled, do hereby resolve that:

The delegates from this county to the state Democratic convention support a resolution to instruct the casting of North Carolina's delegate vote at Chicago on every Presidential ballot when and as long as his name shall be presented, for the world's greatest humanitarian, the champion of Americanism, the great Democratic statesman, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Dr. Furman Angel To Open Clinic Here

Dr. Furman Angel has announced that he will open a clinic to be known as the Angel clinic in the Higdon building on Main street, until recently occupied by the welfare department. The interior of the building is undergoing extensive repairs and additions, with installation of equipment including a new General Electric X-ray machine. It is stated that bed capacity for approximately 20 patients will be provided. The date of opening has not yet been announced.

Free Movie Given By Power Co. May 23

The Nantahala Power and Light company will give a showing of the movie, "Blame It On Love" at the Macon Theatre Thursday, May 23, at 1:30 p. m.

Free tickets to this feature-length sound film may be secured at the office of the Nantahala Power and Light company or from any representative of the company.

This dramatic and entertaining movie starring Joan Marsh and John King, should be seen by every homemaker. Prizes will be given at the end of the performance. The first prize will be a 1940 model Hotpoint Electric range. The winner must be present to receive the prize.

Their ad appears on another page of this issue.

Franklin Census Shows Increase

Announcement has been made today that the result of the census count shows the population of the town of Franklin to be 1,238. This is within the corporate limits; those living on the outskirts of Franklin being counted in the townships.

The 1930 census reported Franklin's population to be 1,096. The present count shows an increase of 142, or 13 per cent.