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## Roosevelt Nominated For Third Term On First Ballot

### FARMER'S PICNIC HERE SATURDAY

#### Federation To Give Prizes At Annual All-Day Celebration

A large turnout of farmers and their families is expected for the annual Farmers Federation Macon County picnic to be held at Franklin high school Saturday, July 20.

Max M. Roberts, educational director of the Federation, has invited musicians and singers from all over Macon county to participate in the program. The activities will start at 10 a. m. and the morning will be filled with string music, dancing, solo and duet singing, and a few speeches.

James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, S. W. Mendenhall, Macon county farm agent; S. C. Clapp, head of the cooperative's seed department; the Rev. Dumont Clarke, director of the Lord's Acre work, and Horace Nolan, manager of the Franklin warehouse, will give short talks during the day.

**Free Watermelon**  
Unlimited free lemonade and watermelons will be furnished by the Federation at lunch time. Those attending, however, are asked to bring adequate box lunches to supplement the picnic fare.

After lunch come the relay races. There will be competitions for junior boys, 6 to 12, junior girls, 6 to 12, for young men, 12 to 20, and for young ladies, 12 to 20. These will be followed by a tug-of-war contest in which two teams of eight men will pull for the title.

A large singing convention will headline the afternoon program. Choirs and quartets from all over Macon county will perform. The winning choir will receive a complete set of song books, and the runner-up will be awarded 24 cash prizes are planned for the best quartets.

**Prizes Awarded**  
Awards will also be made for the longest married couple, the shortest married couple, the largest family at the picnic, the man with the longest beard, the balding man, and the largest truckload attending.

The Macon county picnic will be the fifth in a series of 15 Federation picnics which are being held all over Western North Carolina during the months of July and August. They will culminate in a big district picnic for the whole Federation territory which is scheduled for August 14 at the Mountain Experiment Station in Swannanoa. There the winning choirs and quartets from each county picnic will enter a grand competition to determine the leading singers in the whole area.

### C. Of C. Broadcasts Over WWNC Thursday A. M.

First in a series of informative broadcasts about western North Carolina towns over Asheville's WWNC, the Franklin chamber of commerce took to the air at 10:45 Thursday morning with an informal 15-minute description of Franklin's all-round advantages.

The program, written and directed by Hall Swain, consisted of a rapid-fire conversation between the four participants, Mrs. Margaret Siler, Bob Sloan, Dick Jones and Mr. Swain. Facts ranging from the town's early history to its modern recreational facilities and scenic attractions were brought out.

The broadcast was aimed to bring permanent residents as well as tourists to Franklin.

### Mulberry Youth Burned When Automobile Tank Ignites From Spark

Lawson Pitts, 18-year-old Macon county CCC enrollee, was severely burned about the body and face at his home in the Mulberry section Tuesday when the gasoline tank of the automobile on which he was working exploded.

He was brought to Angel hospital where physicians gave him a good chance of recovery, although his condition is serious.

Pitts was reported to have been working on his automobile's carburetor with the gas cap off and the motor running when the explosion occurred. Witnesses theorized that a spark ignited the gasoline fumes.

He was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Pitts, on leave of absence from the CCC camp at Otto when the accident took place.

### Nantahala Forest Receives Periodic Inspection

Officials from the regional forester's headquarters in Atlanta are making their periodic inspection of Nantahala National Forest here this week.

Every two years the forest itself, as well as all details of supervision and management, receive a thorough going-over by the inspectors who submit reports and recommendations to the regional offices.

Here this week from Atlanta for the general inspection are H. O. Stabler, associate regional forester, and L. L. Bishop, assistant regional forester. Herbert Knoch of the Atlanta headquarters is assisting Nantahala rangers and staff to adjust the work-load averages, while Windor Keinsmith, also of Atlanta, is checking over the recreation areas in the forest.

Rangers William Northstein of Andrews, William M. Palmer of Murphy, and John Wasilik, Jr. of Franklin are also here for job-load analyses.

### Rotarians Entertain Lions Club; Ed Whittaker Speaker

The Rotary Club entertained the Lions Club at their meeting yesterday, (Wednesday) when a delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

Ed Whittaker, Bryson City attorney and Democratic nominee for state senator from this district, was the guest speaker for the meeting. He was introduced by Sam Mendenhall, president of the Rotarians. In a stirring address he emphasized the necessity of putting into practice as never before the principles of cooperation, fellowship and understanding. He appealed to his hearers especially to seek for the best race relationships in the community, and to work for an increasing friendship and mutual understanding among the various groups that make up the social and working groups of the community. In view of world conditions this necessity for unity among Americans was stressed in Mr. Whittaker's talk, which was appreciated by all.

### MACON SAFETY RECORD GOOD

#### Highway Safety Division Representative Praises County Report

Keith Saunders, representative of the Highway Safety Division, paid a short visit to The Press office Wednesday morning.

"Compared with eastern counties, Macon has a good record as far as highway fatalities are concerned," Keith said.

"Most of the fatalities in western North Carolina counties are due to carelessness on the part of pedestrians or to drinking drivers," he added.

The Highway Safety Division, according to Keith, is chiefly concerned with educating North Carolina citizens to become good drivers. It is also in charge of the issuance, revocation, and suspension of driver's licenses, with 18 examiners over the state.

The Division organizes school boy patrols and bicycle clubs and provides police departments with standard accident report files in addition to its other activities.

"Figures for the first six months of 1940 in North Carolina show 362 killed against 396 for the same period last year," Keith said. "That's a nine per cent reduction as compared with an increase nationally."

When the legislature meets next year, the Safety Division wants to see safety education made a part of the school curriculum. The Division would also like a compulsory motor vehicle inspection law, such as many states already have, and the driver's license law amended to require re-issuance every three years, including a vision test and tests on rules of the road and driving ability.

"We estimate that there are 600,000 North Carolina drivers with licenses who are not qualified to have them," he concluded.

### NEW TOURIST CAMP PLANNED

#### Cagle And Bradley To Operate Camp On Georgia Road

Construction of a new tourist camp, to be jointly operated by A. G. Cagle and Charles Bradley, has gotten underway at the site one mile out from Franklin on the Georgia road.

Mr. Cagle and Mr. Bradley have bought the 40-acre Trotter farm, adjoining the golf course, and are erecting four cabins and a central dining hall at an estimated cost of \$7,000.

"It's not going to amount to much this season," Mr. Cagle said. "But we hope to have it in fine shape by next year."

#### Construction Work

The buildings are being constructed of wood, to be stone-veneered at a later date. The camp will have a dining hall, measuring 50 feet by 60 feet overall, both single and double cabins, and electricity and running water from a deep well on the site.

The partners hope to have the camp in operation by Labor day. Additions and improvements will be made as conditions permit.

"What we've got in mind is quite a lot, but it will take some time to finish it," Mr. Cagle added. "We are going to run a first class place, governed by state regulations as to sanitary and health conditions." He plans to continue operating his cafe here on Main street.

## As The World Turns

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

### LONDON

Britain announced that Italian bombs damaged a cruiser with some casualties in last week's Mediterranean sea fight, besides other vessels carrying supplies to the British Isles. Germany has warned that Germany is poised for one mighty air attack—then invasion. Intensified aerial bombings over Britain have killed a number of persons and caused considerable damage over the past week. On the other hand Great Britain has increased bombing of military objectives in Germany and the German occupied territory. Much damage is reported with the loss of only a few planes.

### BERLIN

The German high command has announced that 10 bases along the French coast are ready to launch the sea and air invasion of Britain, and that attack may also come from Ireland.

Seven German planes were downed Sunday in a spectacular fight over the Dover straits, and Royal Air Force planes made their greatest raid of the war on German objectives. Many British vessels are reported sunk or damaged.

### MADRID

Francisco Franco, Spain's chief of state, served notice on Britain tonight that Spain expects to get Gibraltar back.

### ROME

General headquarters of the Italian armed forces, in the first list of Italian naval casualties since Italy entered the war, said today the navy had suffered 610 dead and 149 wounded.

### SANTIAGO, CHILE

Following Spain's serving of diplomatic relation with Chile, the Popular Front government has ordered its charge d'affaires in Madrid to come home. The strained relations are due to Chile's embassy refusing to surrender a group of Spanish loyalists who took refuge in the Chilean embassy.

### U. S. OPPOSED TO BURMA PACT

Secretary of State Cordell Hull yesterday said that the U. S. does not recognize arbitrary closing of trade routes unless nations involved are at war. This followed the agreement between Great Britain and China that the Burma route into China be closed temporarily, pending settlement of Japan's undeclared war against China. Britain, hard pressed at home has been obligated to consent.

### DUKE OF WINDSOR APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF BAHAMAS

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor are on their way from Lisbon by clipper via New York to the Duke's new post—governor-general of the British owned Bahamas in the West Indies.

### PRESIDENT TOO POPULAR

The "Nominate Willie Democrats" had to close their headquarters in Chicago yesterday in the absence of Democrats who might prefer the Republican nominee. "In the face of overwhelming third term sentiment for Roosevelt, we had no chance," said Guy Warren, in charge of the organization.

### ANNENBERG MUST GO TO PRISON

M. L. Annenberg, multi-millionaire publisher and owner of nationwide gambling news network, has been denied probation and must go to jail to serve a three-year sentence for evading income taxes. He also had to dissolve his race track news network and arrange to pay the U. S. treasury \$8,000,000 on civil tax claims against him.

### SOUTH ACCEPTS COMPROMISE ON APPOINTMENT

Southern delegates to the Democratic convention accepted a compromise reapportionment of delegates of two additional delegates in future conventions. This by way of compensating the south for abolition of two-thirds nominating rule.

### 16,000 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT N. C.

The governor's hospitality committee received more than 16,000 requests for information the first six months of 1940 as compared with 10,000 over a like period last year, the secretary reports.

### 65 MINERS KILLED IN PA.

Yesterday funeral plans for 63 miners killed by asphyxiation in a coal mine near Soman, Pa., were being made in this and nearby communities. WPA workers volunteered to dig the graves on their own time, as bereaved families arranged for separate rites.

### ASHEVILLE URGED TO SPEND MORE FOR ADVERTISING

Finding tourist patronage lagging, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce has requested a larger appropriation from the city council. Asheville taxpayers are being reminded that "a public frugality which starves tourists promotes a false economy."

### Bobby Jones

#### Golf Exhibition At Club, Highlands, Aug. 4

One of the best golf exhibitions this section has seen in several years will get underway at the Highlands Country Club Sunday, August 3, with Bobby Jones, Atlanta's famed wizard of the fairways, in the title role.

Jones and his famous putter, "Calamity Jane," will be teamed with Scott Hudson, Jr., president of the Highlands Country club, against Charlie Yates, former British amateur champion, and Crawford Rainwater.

The exhibition is for the benefit of the Hudson library.

Tickets will go on sale at various places throughout the county in the next few days.

### Four Macon Boys Enlist In United States Army

Four Macon county boys have recently enlisted in the United States Army at the Army's recruiting station in Asheville.

According to Technical Sergeant Joe Foster of the Asheville station, 60 Western North Carolina boys have signed up with Uncle Sam during the past 20 days, a total of 146 men enlisted since June 1, when the army began its current recruiting drive.

The Macon recruits and the posts to which they are being sent are: Glenn M. Moffitt, of Franklin, infantry, Camp Jackson, S. C.; Cyde W. Elliot of Franklin, field artillery, Fort Bragg; Blain G. Moffitt of Franklin, and Ralph F. Cabe of West's Mill, field artillery, Camp Jackson, S. C.

## FDR Overwhelmingly Chosen By Democratic Convention

### Nomination Unanimous



Franklin Delano Roosevelt was drafted by the Democratic Party for the third time at the Chicago convention Thursday.

### Wallace Likely Man For Vice-Presidential Nomination

With uproarious enthusiasm that quenched any anti-third term sentiment, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was swept into the presidential nomination on the first ballot by the Democratic convention in Chicago at 1:38 a. m., Thursday morning.

The president received 946 of the votes cast, Farley 72, Garner 61, Tydings 9, and Hull 5. Farley was on his feet, as soon as the long roll call of states was over, with a motion to make the nomination unanimous which was quickly accepted by the convention.

### Wallace Likely Running-Mate

After a conference with Harry Hopkins, directing convention strategy for the administration, Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida said Thursday afternoon that Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace is the administration choice for the vice-presidential nomination.

Smashing precedent, delegation after delegation echoed the sentiment that in this present world crisis and emergency "This is no time for untried hands to pilot the ship of state."

These were the words of Alabama's senator, Lister Hill, who, in nominating the President, told the vast pro-Roosevelt audience of 30,000 that "we need not merely to answer our party's call but to answer the call of America in her hour of need."

For nearly half an hour the tremendous crowd cheered and paraded, following the nominating speech.

### Other Nominations

Soon after the Roosevelt nominating speech, Senator Carter Glass of Virginia put forward the name of Postmaster-General James A. Farley, which brought a generous round of applause. Maryland nominated her "favorite son," Senator Millard Tydings, and Texas hers—Vice-President John Nance Garner.

The convention met early Wednesday evening and adopted its platform on the motion of resolutions, Committee Chairman Robert F. Wagner—a lengthy document pledging that "we will not send our army, naval or air forces to fight in foreign lands outside the Americas."

President Roosevelt had not been officially informed of his nomination late Thursday afternoon.

The North Carolina delegation cast its 26 votes for Roosevelt.

### Four Macon Students Are Awarded WCTC Degrees

Four Macon county students received their B. S. degree at special graduation exercises, held at Western Carolina Teachers College Thursday, July 18.

Diplomas were awarded to 31 graduates.

Although exercises are not ordinarily held at the close of summer school, a formal presentation of diplomas was arranged for because of unsettled world conditions and the fact that a number of the graduates might be called into their country's service before the regular commencement exercises next June.

Macon county students receiving degrees were: Dora Garner Carpenter, Franklin; E. G. Crawford, Cullasaja; Veva Gertrude Howard, Otto; and Sanford J. Smith, Franklin.

### Holt Child Undergoes Operation As Result Of Auto Accident

Kenneth Holt, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Holt of Tryphosa, underwent an operation at Angel's hospital Tuesday, resulting from a fractured skull received in an automobile accident on the Georgia road Sunday afternoon. He is reported to be recovering favorably.

Witnesses said that the nine-year-old child jumped down from a truck on which he was returning from a singing convention, and ran around it and into the side of a passing automobile, driven by Doc Love, Franklin negro. The force of the blow knocked him to the pavement, fracturing his skull.

Love immediately rushed the child to the hospital. He is not being held, since the accident was considered unavoidable.

## WORK BEGUN ON POWER CO. DAMS

### Offices Of Construction Co.'s Established At Andrews, Sylva

The Utah Construction company—contractor for the Nantahala Power and Light company's dam that is to be built on the Nantahala river, near Aquone—has established offices at the Junaluska Terrace hotel near Andrews.

The Utah company's payroll will go through the Citizens Bank and Trust company of this town—the same concern whose Murphy office handled the payroll for the TVA project on Hiwassee river.

Several of the hotel's front rooms have been turned into offices. Desks and shelves of new planed lumber have been built. Typewriters and adding machines are clicking. Men are going and coming through the lobby all during the day and into the night.

#### Glenville Dam Headquarters

The Morrison-Knudsen company has opened offices in the Carolina hotel, Sylva, and operations that will be on a large scale and that it is said will require a period of several years to complete, have already begun.

Those desiring employment on this project are directed to apply through the State Employment Service which has a branch office in Bryson City and a representative at the courthouse in Sylva once a week.

### Baptist Buy Lot For Erection Of Pastorium

Plans for the erection of a new Baptist pastorium on a lot on White Oak street, recently purchased from Russell Cabe, are going forward rapidly.

Specifications call for an eight-room, brick-veneer home designed to fit the needs of the pastor and his family. Room for a study will be provided in the building.

The present pastorium has been purchased by Mrs. E. B. Dehart.

### Singing Convention To Meet At Mulberry Church

The monthly afternoon singing convention will meet at the Mulberry Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, July 21, beginning at 1 o'clock, it has been announced by R. D. West.

All singers in the county are invited to attend the singing and take active part. The public is invited to attend.

### Large Crowd Attends Orphanage Recital Here

More than 200 persons were present in the courthouse auditorium here Tuesday night to hear the Singing Class of the Oxford orphanage present their annual recital.

The audience contributed a free-will offering of \$52.50, which was presented directly to Oxford orphanage. The children were guests of the Eastern Star chapter for the night, and all expenses connected with their stay was born by the local Masonic order and the Star.