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Franklin And Highlands Tourist Capacity Shown

Pres. Averell Expresses Thanks To The Citizen- Times for Survey

James Averell, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, today expressed appreciation of the survey reported in last Sunday's Citizen-Times of tourist accommodations of the western North Carolina area. "The resort section is greatly indebted to the newspaper for reporting these figures. It is valuable to us to have figures that are the result of an actual survey," said Mr. Averell.

Franklin tourist accommodations are greater this year than ever before, with much new building in progress," he said. "While this estimate of the number we can accommodate in Macon county is undoubtedly conservative, we can count on having all the tourists we can take care of this season."

Franklin-Highlands Capacity

The following figures are given in the report of the Citizen-Times survey for Macon county's capacity to accommodate this season's tourists:

"In this area of waterfalls around Franklin and Highlands, there are listed 12 hotels and inns and three tourist places with total capacity of 703 persons in 442 rooms. There are 127 private baths and of the 15 places, 11 are seasonal and four are all year.

"As in most cases reported from the 29 areas of Western North Carolina, meals are available everywhere. Approximately 50 more persons can be housed and fed this summer than last. Facilities were not quite adequate last year, but are believed to be so now. However, plans are being discussed for further additions in the form of two tourist courts with a total of nine cottages and several private homes where additional rooms will be available next season."

Rioters Bound Over To Superior Court

Offenders arrested in connection with the rioting on Saturday nights, April 12 and 19, were tried in Mayor's court Monday afternoon, May 5.

Those on trial were Ernest Holland, Rufus Holland, Wesley Tyler, Arnold Simons, Wilburn McDowell and Harold Henry.

The state was represented by Gilmer A. Jones and the defendants by Thad. D. Bryson, Jr.

After examination of witnesses, Mayor Harrison bound the defendants over for trial at the August term of superior court. Mr. Jones stated that other arrests should be made and were expected in view of the testimony that more than 100 men were in the mob that ran the negroes out of town on Saturday night, April 12.

Hays Crisp, arrested last week, was released after proving that he was not in Franklin on the night of the disturbance.

Questionnaires Sent 600 Macon Men

The local draft board has received instructions from the Raleigh office to send out all questionnaires as rapidly as possible and get all IV, III, and II men classified. All others will be tentatively considered I-A, but will be physically examined and actually classified only rapidly enough to fill calls.

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, clerk, states that questionnaires are going from this board at the rate of 35 per day. No call for Macon men for the month of May has yet been received. Questionnaires have been sent to approximately 600 enrollees.

2nd Lieutenant In Air Corps



Lieutenant Fred Gray of Franklin Route 2, who has recently won his Silver Wings as military aviator at Kelly Field, Texas.

Riddle Death Due To Negligence Says Coroner's Jury

A report has been filed in the office of the clerk of court in the Riddle case of the decision of the coroner's jury held in the death of Clyde Riddle, 24, of Madison county who was killed by a dynamite explosion at Aquone April 19. After consideration of all testimony the jury found the following: "That the said Clyde Riddle came to his death by being crushed under rock from a blast explosion on the top of the quarry and such death was caused by the negligence of his superiors to inform him properly to the exact blasting operations between 1 p. m. and 2 p. m., on the day of his death, to-wit: April 19 1941, on the job of the Utah Construction company at the dam site at Aquone, North Carolina.

"We further find that the management of the Utah Construction company was negligent in not giving its employes written instructions as to blasting operations prior to April 21, 1941."

The jurors were Woodrow W. Reeves, Fred Cabe, Seth Crunkleton, Craig Stepe, J. P. Huston, and Monty Duvall.

R. S. Jones was attorney for the coroner's jury. The workmen's compensation act usually provides a compensation of \$6,000 for death by accident of a workman on the job.

Mr. Riddle, a foreman on the job, either misunderstood a signal or the signal system did not work eye witnesses told investigating officers at the time of the accident.

Red Cross Rooms Open Twice a Week

The Red Cross work rooms in the Episcopal rectory are open two days a week, Mondays and Thursdays, according to the production chairman, Mrs. James Perry. This corrects an announcement erroneously made that the days were Thursdays and Saturdays.

fought before, for the existence of which we are ever ready to fight again."

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

South America, regardless of its feelings cannot stay with the U. S. A. should Nazism defeat Britain. They depend upon European trade for the bulk of their exports; the Nazis would use economic pressure to impose political and military dominance over South America. The U. S. would be faced with two terrible alternatives: To abandon S. A. to the Nazis, which would mean abandoning the Monroe doctrine. Or, the U. S. could resist at a heavy disadvantage.

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

Haile Salassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, re-entered Addis Ababa Tuesday after five years of exile while his capital was in Italian hands.

TEHERAN, IRAN (Persia)

Lieut. Colonel William Shipp of Raleigh, North Carolina, whose father, Lieut. William Shipp was the first naval officer killed in the Spanish-American war, has been ordered to represent this government as a special military observer at Teheran, capital of Iran, formerly Persia.

Lieut. Fred Gray Becomes Flying Instructor At Randolph Field

J. Fred Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray of Franklin Route 2, who graduated at Clemson College last June, has received his commission as Second Lieutenant from the Air Corps Advanced Flying Field at Kelly Field, Texas, with appointment of instructor in aviation at Randolph Field. As a distinctive badge of the military aviator he received the coveted silver wings insignia at the recent graduation exercises held at the Air Corps' oldest advanced flying schools.

Lieutenant Gray began his training at Hick's Field, Texas, last September. Upon fulfilling the requirements for the primary course, his class was transferred to Randolph Field where they received 65 hours of basic flying training, which included ground training in meteorology, aerodynamics, theory of flight, maps and map reading, navigation, communication and military drill. They were then advanced to Kelly Field where they received advanced training on modern Combat ships of 650 h. p. motors. A training course of 200 hours or more of flying was completed.

Many Callings Represented

Of the 181 newly commissioned flyers in this class of 41-C, 71 were recommended as instructors, the other 110 being assigned to tactical units. Men from seven of the nine corps areas and every walk of life are represented in this class—lawyers, divinity and medical students, mining, civil and mechanical engineers, farmers, manufacturers and other trades and professions. Headquarters reports that all are average young Americans, with ability to learn, and the desire to serve their country in the hour of need. The air Corps has as its goal the training of 30,000 pilots the coming year.

C. Of C. Campaign Meeting Good Response

The committee collecting 1941 memberships for the Chamber of Commerce has not yet completed its work. Unanimous response is reported as far as solicitations have been made.

The call last week made by Secretary T. T. Love for the listing of furnished rooms has met with a good response, it is reported. Many have listed accommodations that will be available this season that will increase Franklin's tourist capacity over last year.

On account of the closing of Main street the information booth has not been open this week.

District Conference To Be At Hayesville

The Methodist District Conference of the Waynesville District will be held at the Hayesville Methodist church, on Tuesday, May 13. Pastors and representatives from all the Methodist churches of Macon county will be in attendance and will give reports of the work of the first half of the present conference year.

Excessive speed was the primary cause of 46 per cent of the traffic accidents in North Carolina in 1940.

John O. Harrison Elected Mayor By Large Vote

Macon Pastors Called to Defense Meet. In Agricultural Bldg.

An important meeting has been called of all the ministers of Macon county by Sam Mendenhall, farm agent, for Saturday morning at 10:30 in the Agricultural building.

The National Defense program in Macon county will be the subject of this meeting and the help that the pastors and their people can give will be discussed.

"It is necessary that we make it our patriotic duty to help our country's defense at this critical time," said Mr. Mendenhall. "We must have the cooperation of the churches and their leaders to put this program into effect." A full attendance is urged.

Franklin Will Play Robbinsville Sunday

The Franklin team will go to Robbinsville Sunday to play in a double-header with the Robbinsville team. Higdon, a former Franklin ace player, will pitch for the Robbinsville team. He expects to return to the Franklin line-up soon.

Franklin baseball team was defeated in a double-header with the Isabella, Tenn., team last Sunday on the Isabella field. The score in the first game was 10-4 and the second was 14-0 in favor of Isabella.

Reynolds pitched in the first game and Newton and Cabe in the second.

The schedule for the local team will be announced soon. However, they will play the Boston Hoboes on the local field here on Saturday night, May 17.

Main Street Closed For Hard Surface

Main street has been closed since Monday morning to receive the finishing coat of hard surfacing. The State Highway department is sponsoring the work which is being done by WPA. The new surface will be applied from the post-office to the intersection with the Georgia highway at the foot of the hill. This will complete the job begun with the widening of the street to the court house. When finished the street will be much improved for parking and for pedestrians.

Rural S. S. Work Shown In Pictures

Carl Nungesser, Superintendent of the Middle Atlantic District of the American Sunday School Union will show slides of the Sunday School work in our rural areas at the Franklin Methodist Church on Thursday evening, May 15, at 8 o'clock. Miss Nannie Bell Clark, graduate of the Moody Bible Institute, from Henderson county, will also be present to give her testimony. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service.

Charles H. Saunders Dies Of Blood Poisoning

Charles H. Saunders, 67, well-known citizen and farmer of the Bethel community, died in Angel clinic on Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock. He was taken to the clinic on Friday morning suffering from blood poisoning which developed from a scratch on the back of his left hand by a barbed-wire fence on the Sunday before.

Mr. Saunders was a son of the late Harmon and Emma Bennett Saunders. He was born on June 1, 1874 and had lived his entire life in Macon county. On November 8, 1909, he was married to Miss Mamie Dowdle, of the Clark's Chapel community. He was a member of the Bethel Methodist church.

Funeral services were held on Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Bethel Methodist church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were Lee Poindecker, C. Tom Bryson, Horace Nolen, Ernest Walker, Joe Palmer, and Boise Hall.

Surviving besides the widow are five children, two daughters, Mrs. Nat Phillips and Miss Edna Saunders, of Franklin; and three sons, Robert L. Saunders, of Wilmington and Franklin, and Fred and Frank Saunders, of Franklin; one brother, Harmon Saunders, of Franklin and two grandchildren.

Bond Election Referendum Approved By Big Majority

Mayor John O. Harrison, with 213 votes, was re-elected over two opponents in Tuesday's non-partisan municipal election. T. D. Bryson, Jr., received 124 votes and R. A. Patton 83 votes in the mayoralty race.

Three of the incumbent aldermen were elected to the board of six, one was defeated, one did not offer for re-election and there was one vacancy caused when Mayor Harrison was named last fall to succeed Mayor J. Frank Ray, who resigned to go to Washington.

Incumbents re-elected were Henry W. Cabe, 375; T. W. Angel, Jr., 261 and Ben McCollum, 243. Named to serve with them were M. D. Billings, 335; E. W. Long, 302 and John E. Rickman, 223.

Alderman E. Tim Calloway, 159, was defeated. Also in the race were T. T. Love, 209; John Bingham, 144; Ray R. Swanson, 134 and W. C. Wilkes, 133. Alderman M. L. Dowdle did not offer for re-election.

Previous Service

Mayor Harrison has previously served as alderman and also has served the county on the board of commissioners. All the aldermen elected have served the town or county before. M. D. Billings has served as mayor of Franklin and also two terms as alderman. Henry W. Cabe holds the record for longest service, having held the office of alderman for five consecutive terms, and then served out the unexpired term of Walter Dean who resigned. With a gap of four years, the coming term will complete six consecutive years. E. W. Long has served as chairman of county commissioners. John E. Rickman, former Franklin postmaster for many years, has also served before. T. W. Angel, Jr., and Ben McCollum have served for the past two years.

Of the 600 who are registered voters on the town books, 438 votes were cast. Those in charge of the polls stated that a number of citizens appeared to vote who were not registered on the town books. In each case they had registered on the county books and were under the impression that this registration entitled them to vote in the town election.

Bond Election Voted

The referendum for a \$10,000 bond issue for street improvement authorized the bond election with a vote of 308 to 88. The proposed bonds will sponsor a WPA project to complete work on the streets of Franklin begun last year, including hard surfacing of important thoroughfares, building sidewalks and curbs.

M. D. Billings Suggested For Next Assembly

Friends of M. D. Billings, who has just been elected to serve on the town board of aldermen, have been suggesting his name as a candidate in the next Democratic primary for the county's representative in the 1942 General Assembly.

When interviewed, Mr. Billings stated that if the citizens of Macon county want him, he will be glad to serve them.

Vacation Bible School At Methodist Church

The Vacation Bible school of the Franklin Methodist church will begin on Friday, May 15, and continue through Friday, May 23.

Classes are being arranged for all church school pupils of intermediate ages.

A cordial invitation is extended to all children in the community to attend the vacation school.

Rotarians Entertain Lions On Wednesday

The Rotary club had as their guests at their regular meeting on Wednesday, the members of the Franklin Lions club. All enjoyed a delicious dinner served by the Macon chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Sam Mendenhall, president, presided, and the main feature of the program was a moving picture of the Pennsylvania Super Highway linking Harrisburg with Pittsburgh. Mr. Ball, district director of the public relations division of the Standard Oil company made this interesting contribution to the meeting. He made comments on the 70 million dollar highway, which tunnels under mountains instead of going around them and permits high speed travel. The Standard Oil company has the exclusive service privileges on this stretch of highway.

As The World Turns

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

WAR FRONTS

LONDON

The British parliament yesterday gave Winston Churchill a vote of confidence of 447 to 3, which left the prime minister unshaken before parliament and country in spite of the Greek and Mediterranean campaigns, and brought an ovation by members.

The prime minister answered criticisms made by Lloyd-George, aged World War prime minister, and gave a pledge that Britain "will fight to the death without thought of retirement" on the besieged Greek island of Crete and in the Libyan fort of Tobruk, and admitted that Britain needs more naval help from the United States.

"I thank God for Secretary of War Stimson's speech. . . . If the U. S. is going to enable us to catch up and then overtake Germany she has got to do infinitely more."

BOMBINGS

Suddenly increased attacks of Nazi long range bombers and guns are spreading death and destruction on England's coast and in Liverpool, raided a seventh straight night. Three bombers are reported to have crashed in flames.

RAF downed 16 Nazi raiders in a furious attack on the great industrial center of Cologne. Long range bombers have disabled two of Germany's greatest war ships and port facilities at Hamburg, greatest Nazi port.

CAIRO

The British troops and RAF have dealt crushing blows on Iraq forces was a late report, with the belief that the conflict is near the end as Germany has sent no aid. The Nazi-controlled government had cut the oil line to the sea of Britain's oil wells, which the British have regained and the siege of RAF base is broken.

TOKYO

The Japanese gave evidence today of increasing uneasiness over their relations with the U. S. which was caused by marked declines on Tokyo's stock exchange following Secretary of War Stimson's call for protection of shipments to Britain. Important elements in Japan are said to feel that, despite ties with the axis, peace and her trans-Pacific trade are vital to Japan.

VICHY

Germany has offered major con-

cessions to the Vichy government, including opening the border into occupied France to foodstuffs, a reduction of the \$2,000,000 a day in the crushing cost of maintaining the Nazi army of occupation and release of 500,000 French farmers in prison camps. What Hitler demands of the French in return has not been revealed.

BERLIN

Last Sunday Adolf Hitler spoke for 90 minutes to the reichstag denouncing the British prime minister and stated that Germany is superior to any conceivable coalition of "democratic agitators" who threaten to throttle the Nazi state.

WASHINGTON

The atmosphere of the nation's capital becomes daily more tense in view of the tempo of the war in Europe during the last few weeks.

Secretary of War Stimson has called on Congress to convoy supplies to Britain.

Wendell Willkie broadcast a speech delivered in New York Wednesday night which attacked the "Britain-can't-win" attitude of Lindbergh and others; and delivered a stirring appeal for "less talk and more action. Furnish to Britain today and tomorrow and the next day her desperate need, ships—the ships in our docks, the ships in our coastwise trade—until it hurts, the impounded ships of other nations, the ships we are building."

Willkie contended that Germany cannot invade Britain if her sea lanes are kept open, and that Britain will fail unless America helps her immediately and effectively.

The house passed 266 to 120, a bill empowering the president to take over idle foreign ships and put them to any use he sees fit.

Secretary Knox said the navy was readier now than ever to assure delivery of supplies to Britain if and when it were assigned the task. He asserted, "We are living in fearful danger. . . . The only safety for us is to supplement the forces of Britain."

PRESIDENT DEDICATES WILSON SHRINE AT STAUNTON, VA.

In dedicating Woodrow Wilson's birthplace as a national shrine last Sunday, President Roosevelt said, in part, "By meeting here today we are bearing witness to the faith that is in us. . . . It is the kind of faith for which we have