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Civic Organizations Plan Old Fashioned 4th of July

Plans For Big Program; Games, Watermelons, Pigs Feature

Representatives from various civic organizations in Franklin met Tuesday night, June 18 in order to plan a good "old fashioned Fourth of July Celebration."

While a complete program for the day was not definitely arranged, plans for greasy pole, greasy pig, foot races, three legged race, sack race, turtle race, and many other contests with a prize for each were discussed. Several "surprises" which the committee does not wish to disclose to the public yet are also being arranged.

In addition to the many contests the committee also hopes to have an "extra special" baseball game and square dancing.

All prospective contestants for the more strenuous contests are urged to start their training program as soon as possible.

Street Service

On Square Saturday By Evangelist Snow

There will be street preaching by Rev. E. E. Snow, evangelist, on the square on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. On Sunday at 11 o'clock Mr. Snow will preach at the Franklin Methodist church and at 3 o'clock he will hold services at the tabernacle.

The Evangelist has expressed himself as pleased with his reception in Franklin and the attendance at the services during the first days of the two weeks county-wide revival he is conducting at the Friendship Tabernacle. There has been a large attendance at the evening services and the numbers are increasing each night.

All business men and women are urged to attend the services held each day except Saturday and Sunday in the Macon Theatre, beginning at 12:30 and lasting 40 minutes. This is a song and prayer service with brief address.

S. S. Convention At Tabernacle

The Baptist Sunday School Convention scheduled to meet at Burnington Sunday afternoon will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the Tabernacle instead of the appointed place, in order to unite in the 3 o'clock service.

Milton Sanders Is 3rd In M. I. T. Class

Milton Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders, took his degree of Bachelor of Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last week, graduating third in a class of 60 in electric engineering. There were 412 graduates in the entire senior class.

After finishing the high school course in Franklin with highest honors, Milton also received honors at N. C. State which he attended for two years before completing three years at M. I. T. He will report for special duty in the Navy Department for special work in National Defense on July 1.

Mrs. Mary Etta Queen Passes Monday Afternoon

Mrs. Mary Etta Queen, 77, died at her home in the Oak Grove community Monday afternoon from a stroke of paralysis suffered the previous Tuesday.

Mrs. Queen, a life-long resident of this county, was a daughter of the late Dennis and Mary McGaha Tippett. She was born on January 8, 1864, and married to S. M. Queen in November, 1880. She was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist church.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the church, the Rev. Robert W. Williams, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. L. Bradley, of Oak Grove. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers, all nephews, were Edgar Queen, Gordon Arvey, Don Burnette, Fred Queen, Paul Arvey and Grady Burnette.

Surviving besides the husband are four children, three daughters, Mrs. Haskell Arvey and Mrs. Fred Burnette, of Needmore, and Mrs. Will Clark, of Etna; one son, T. H. Queen; two sisters, Mrs. Buell Dalton, of Franklin Route 4, and Mrs. Robert Painter, of Lyman, Wash., also 35 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

W. H. Cobb Elected Mayor Of Highlands

W. H. Cobb was elected Mayor of Highlands to succeed W. W. Edwards at the municipal election held Tuesday, June 17.

Town Commissioners who were re-elected are S. C. Creswell and E. H. Brown. New Commissioners to take office are Jack Potts, Dewey Hopper, and L. W. Wright.

The new administration will take office on July 7.

County Draft Board Announces Changes

The Macon County Draft Board wishes to announce the following changes in the list of selectees to be sent to the induction station of the United States Army at Fort Bragg.

Two names which have been dropped placed in a deferred class for physical or personal reasons are Frank Early Collins and Glen Alexander Shuler. The two replacements are Cecil Allen, West's Mill, and Albert Nathan Pennington, Franklin.

Franklin Divides Twin Bill With Bryson City

The Franklin All Stars won the first game of a double header by the score of 15 to 5. Star of the game was Dan "Fog Ball" Reynolds, Franklin pitcher, who struck out of the opposing batsman and allowed only five hits.

In the second game English, Franklin moundsman, suffered his first loss of the season, Bryson City winning by the score of 8 to 3.

Due to Sunday's split Franklin is now in fourth place in the Tri-State League.

The All Stars will go to Hayesville for a double header Sunday, June 22 with Reynolds named as one of the probable starting pitchers.

Forest Playgrounds Visited By 3,571

The Nantahala National Forest reports that tourist travel on the Wayah district of the forest was very good during the month of May. The following figures show the number of tourists visiting each of the forest playgrounds: Dry Falls 2,473, Arrowwood Camp Ground 526, Cliffside Lake 314, Van Hook Camp Ground 190, and Ammons Camp Grounds 68, the total number being 3,571. There were visitors from 18 different states.

Emory McDonald, Former Resident, Dies

Funeral services for Emory McDonald, will be held on Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Louisa Methodist church on Cartoogechaye. The Rev. Philip L. Green, pastor, will be in charge of the services. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. McDonald, a former resident of Macon county, died on Monday from a heart attack while on a construction job at Oteen. He has made his home in Asheville for a number of years.

Surviving are three children, one son, Clarence, of Elma, Wash., who is expected for the funeral; and two daughters, Misses Kathleen and Margaret McDonald, of Asheville.

Baptist Mission Union Meeting Tuesday, June 24

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Macon Association will be held at the Highlands Baptist church Tuesday, June 24. It will be an all day program with lunch served by the ladies.

The theme of the program will be "Our Continuing Task—Making His Way Known." This program will begin at 9 o'clock with a devotional that will be inspiring to those who attend.

Mrs. W. D. Briggs, state executive secretary of Raleigh will lead a conference in the morning period. The young people of Macon Association will give a play and render special music. Mrs. A. J. Smith of Goldsboro, will bring a message on the watch word for the year. All Baptist ministers of Macon county are urged to come and bring representatives from their churches in this association.

Fire Damages To Wayah Sign Shop Reach \$3,000

A fire which burned late Monday afternoon at the Wayah Supply Depot was reported by the Nantahala Forest Service to have done approximately \$3,000 worth of damage.

The fire was kept confined to the sign shop where it first broke out.

Charles Melichar, forest supervisor, stated that the damage was chiefly to the building, and that this would be rebuilt in the near future.

The fire was reported by Grady T. Reece, night watchman, at 6:45 p. m. and CCC boys and the Franklin Fire Department were immediately dispatched to the scene of action. Forest Service officials praised the work of those engaged in extinguishing the flames and stated that a large portion of the supplies and equipment had been saved.

At one time it was feared that the fire might spread to other buildings and the Sylva Fire Department sent a truck to aid in the work, but the forces at hand had the fire under control by the time of its arrival.

As The World Turns

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

DAMASCUS NEAR FALL

Thursday afternoon the fall of Damascus, the oldest inhabited city in the world, to the British was imminent. The radio reported that many fighting for the Vichy government were joining their Free French brothers.

NAZI-SOVIET BREAK EXPECTED

German-Russian relations remains a mystery as Nazi troops and tanks mass on the Russian border and Russia mobilizes. Hostilities are considered by some to be a matter of hours, while other guesses are that Russia will not risk coming to blows with the German war machine.

TURKEY SIGNS PACT WITH GERMANY

The ten-year friendship pact signed yesterday between Turkey and Germany frees the German army of fear of trouble from Turkey in the battle with the British and scores another triumph for Ambassador Von Papen. London considers the pact as a mere stop-gap agreement in order to isolate the Soviets. The pact is said to have no bearing on warfare in Syria.

RAF OFFENSIVE WREAKS HAVOC

Britain's greatest aerial offensive of the war, which has heaped more than 4,500,000 pounds of explosives on Germany and German-occupied territory, was carried into its eighth day late yesterday when royal air force fighters attacked German shipping in the English channel and bombed a military camp in Northern France.

Bombing of the Rhine-Ruhr valley has caused great destruction, with loss of 49 British and 55 Nazi planes reported for the eight days of the air offensive.

VIOLENT CAMPAIGN IN NORTHERN AFRICA

The northern Africa campaign, carried on under terrific heat conditions, combating tanks and planes in a three-day desert blitzkrieg, has achieved main objectives, Cairo reports. Several hundred German prisoners are reported taken and a great number of enemy tanks, guns and aircraft destroyed. The British withdrew to normal posts after repulsing offensives by the enemy. Berlin reports British halted and "complete victory."

NO BOMBERS OVER LONDON

The cessation of bombing attacks on British bodes no good in the minds of the English who do not relax vigilance. One theory is that Hitler has plenty of men and tanks but planes for only one front at a time.

FRANCE FELL YEAR AGO

A year ago France fell and the people of Britain have followed Churchill through "sweat, blood and tears" in his resolve voiced as "Our invincible resolve to continue the war... and there are

Farmers Federation To Hold Picnic July 19th

The Macon county Farmers Federation picnic will be held on Saturday, July 19, at Franklin high school, according to an announcement by James G. K. McClure, president of the federation. Music, race, various contests, tugs-of-war, short speeches and a singing convention for choirs and quartets will fill the all-day program. There will be a basket lunch at noon, and the Farmers Federation will supply free watermelons and lemonade.

All farm families in Macon county are cordially invited to set aside this day and attend the picnic, Mr. McClure said. Musicians and singers are particularly requested to come and perform. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of all contests, to the best musicians and singers, and to the winning choirs and quartets.

Stockton Appointed Appeal Agent

J. Horner Stockton has been appointed government appeal agent for the Macon county local board No. 1, of Selective Service, succeeding Gilmer A. Jones who has resigned. Mr. Stockton has also resigned as a member of the registrant's advisory board to accept the above position.

good and reasonable hopes of final victory." It is acknowledged by Britain and feared by the axis that this final victory now hinges on the aid that is now forthcoming from the United States.

HITLER RETALIATES BY CLOSING CONSULATES

Germany has formally lodged protest with the United States against the closing of German consular offices and propaganda agencies in this country violation of the United States-German treaty of commerce and friendship signed in 1923. In retaliation Hitler today closed 80 or 90 U. S. consulates in Germany and occupied countries. Italy followed suit.

MERCHANT SHIPS MAY ARM FOR OWN DEFENSE

In view of the increased danger to shipping in the Atlantic as brought to light by the German sinking of the Robert Moor, President Roosevelt stated if danger becomes more imminent that the navy could arm merchant ships very quickly. He added that such action was not under immediate consideration.

SHIPBUILDING HITS RECORD PACE

Shipyards will turn out 312 emergency cargo vessels for the Maritime Commission at a faster rate than the speediest construction rate attained during the first World War, J. E. Schmeltzer, director of the building program reported.

U. S. HALTS OIL SHIPMENT TO JAPAN

With the east coast threatened by a petroleum shortage, the Government halted a proposed shipment of oil of 252,000 gallons to Japan. In the halting of the oil shipment aids of Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, said he had obtained an agreement of Sinclair Consolidated and Standard Vacuum Oil company to halt loading of ship.

DOUBLING TAXES ADVISED BY COMMITTEE

The ways and means committee today recommended the doubling of income and excess profit taxes to meet the \$2,400,000,000 defense program.

Today President Roosevelt sent a message to Harvard finals containing these words, "Believing as we do, there is no other course... we would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."

HUGHES' SLAYERS GIVEN LONG PRISON SENTENCES

Burns Sherlin, who plead guilty to a charge of second degree murder for the murder of Robert Hughes, negro youth, in West Asheville, was sentenced to serve 17 to 20 years in the state prison by Judge William H. Bobbitt in the Buncombe county superior county superior court. Sherlin fired the shot which killed Hughes.

Three companions, Gordon Jones, Winford Holder, and Loyd McHone entered pleas of manslaughter and were sentenced to serve nine to 12 years each.

U. S. O. Organized Plans Are Made To Meet Macon Quota

Representatives from the various church and civic organizations of the community will meet to discuss plans to raise the quota of \$200 for Macon county in the United Service Organization campaign drive on Friday night at 7 o'clock at the Legion Hall. R. M. Hanes, state chairman, issued the following statement as to the purposes and organization of the U. S. O., "The United Service Organization is a merger, for war work only, of the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers Aid Association.

In the last world war, each of these organizations solicited funds and ran its own program independently. In order to avoid this duplication of effort, overlapping of activities, and unnecessary expenses, these organizations... have united for all war and defense activities. This will mean better results and much less expense."

John Archer, county chairman, has announced that the following members of their respective organizations had been asked to attend the campaign drive meeting Friday night:

Sam Mendenhall, Rotary club; T. D. Bryson, Jr., Lions club; G. A. Jones, American Legion; Mrs. M. E. Jones, Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. Lester Conley, Garden club; Dr. J. L. Stokes, Methodist church; Rev. Hubart Wardlaw, Presbyterian church; Rev. C. F. Rogers, Baptist church; Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Episcopal church; Henry W. Cabe, Masonic lodge; Mrs. H. E. Church, Eastern Star; Lester Arnold, Moose lodge; Mrs. John Wasilik, PTA; Harley R. Cabe, Red Cross; Frank B. Cook and Wilton Cobb, Highlands; Clyde West, West's Mill; W. R. Waldroop, Cartoogechaye; Mrs. Mary Berry Justice, Holly Springs.

Cabe Chairman Defense Savings Committee

H. G. Robertson, of Greensboro, state administrator, Defense Savings staff, announces appointment of H. W. Cabe as chairman of the local committee for Macon county. Other community leaders who have been asked to serve on this committee are Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, Jerry Franklin, G. L. Houk, J. E. S. Thorpe, J. Frank Ray, William S. Johnson, Miss Lassie Kelly, and T. D. Bryson, Jr.

In announcing this program the Honorable Henry Morgenthau, Jr., secretary of the treasury, said, "Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps give us all a way to take a direct part in building the defense of our country—an American way to find the billions needed for National Defense. The United States is today, as it has always been, the best investment in the world. This is an opportunity for each citizen to buy a share in America."

This committee for Macon county is a part of this nationwide organization. Its main task will be to spread information about the defense Savings program among the citizens of the county.

Sugar Fork Baptist Singing Convention

The Fourth Sunday Singing convention will be held at the Sugar Fork Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, June 21. The public is invited.

Pritchard Russell, Pres.

Harold Bryson Dies In Concord

Harold Bryson, 16, son of Roy Bryson, of Whittier, died in Concord Wednesday while undergoing a tonsil operation.

Harold had been living in Concord and was to have returned this week to make his home with his father.

The remains were brought to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Wade Arvey.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 o'clock at the Snow Hill Methodist church, the Rev. Philip L. Green, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving besides his father are three brothers, Lyndon, of Canton; Marshall, an enrollee in the CCC camp at Otto; and Bobby, of Franklin. Also his grandfather, Charlie Bryson at West's Mill; an aunt, Mrs. E. H. Parrish, and an uncle, Billy Watkins, also of West's Mill.

ALCOA MAY BUILD DAM

Government Regulations Will Be Met With RFC Help In Financing

News has come from Washington that I. W. Wilson, production vice-president of the Aluminum Company of America, told a senate investigating committee Tuesday that the company would take out a license to build Fontana dam if the government would assist in financing it.

Commenting from Raleigh, J. E. S. Thorpe of Franklin, president of the Nantahala Power and light company Alcoa subsidiary, is reported as saying that his company is ready to proceed with construction providing the dam is financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Last March the Aluminum company withdrew a declaration of intention to build the \$50,000,000 Fontana hydro-electric project on the Little Tennessee in Swain and Graham counties because of the Federal Power commission's license requirements. During the last few weeks government engineers have been considering the building of four dams by TVA in the interest of national defense, Fontana being one of the dams considered.

Aluminum For Defense
The nation's need for increased production for defense has centered interest on the advances of hydro-electric development in this section.

Wilson is reported to have told the committee on Tuesday that the Aluminum company is willing to co-operate to bring about the development, either by selling its interests to TVA, or in any other way to make power available for the production of aluminum. He stated that the company is ready to apply to RFC for funds to finance the Fontana project as soon as OPM approves it.

Production Stepped Up
Arthur Davis, Alcoa board chairman, assured the senators in this meeting that his company could step up aluminum production if the government would finance new power sources and assure ships to bring bauxite, (aluminum ore) from South America.

It was stated that the company had doubled, and would shortly treble its 1938 output, and also that \$200,000,000 was being spent to advance national defense; and that the company's entire technical resources had been repeatedly placed at the government's disposal.

"You can count on us", Mr. Davis told the senators.

It was testified before the committee that the proposed Fontana project could supply power to produce 100,000,000 pounds of aluminum annually within the next three years.

MGM Travel Talk

Feature Macon Scenery In Technicolor

James A. Fitzpatrick and his four assistant cameramen, Howard Nelson, Bill Steiner, Ben Sharpe and Roger Mace, of Culver City, Calif., spent Wednesday in the Nantahala National Forest filming a "Voice of the Globe" MGM Travel Talk.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, creator of the technicolor film feature, made pictures of the Dry Falls and the Lower Cullasaja Falls, in the Cullasaja Gorge between Franklin and Highlands, also a panorama from Wayah Bald.

T. T. Hall of the Forest Service, stated that the film men were highly impressed with the magnificent scenery in Macon county. Accompanying them on their tour were Charles Melichar, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest service; Mr. Hall, administrative assistant, and Clint Johnson recreational engineer.

They left Wednesday afternoon for Bryson City to make a tour of the Great Smokies.

Electric Dealers Unite To Conserve Electricity

The Nantahala Power Company and other electrical supply dealers have taken further steps to conserve the supply of electric power. Besides urging the utmost economy in the household use of electricity all dealers in electric appliances have agreed, after disposal of their present stock, to discontinue the sale of electric refrigerators and other such equipment until the power situation has improved.