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Chamber Of Commerce Will Elect Officers On April 16th

Dinner And Meeting To Be Held At Panorama Court

A meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce has been called for Thursday evening, April 16, at 7:30 o'clock at Panorama courts, by Gilmer A. Jones, vice-president of the board of directors.

Election of officers for the coming season will take place at the business meeting which will follow the dinner served at 7:30. Tickets at fifty cents may be obtained from R. S. Omohundro, treasurer of the board, at the Western Auto Supply Store. It is hoped that as many as possible can attend the dinner, but this is entirely optional. A full attendance of the entire membership is urged by the officers, as this is an important meeting and suggestions are invited by the board.

In view of war conditions, the board wishes to be prepared to meet unusual demands which may be made upon the chamber of commerce organization to serve those who come to this community during the summer months.

A number of civic-minded citizens have expressed themselves as favoring an increased effort to broaden the influence and scope of this cooperative effort of the community.

"I think it highly advisable that we should not only maintain the chamber of commerce, but should strengthen its efforts to give increased service that will be demanded of our people," said J. E. S. Thorpe, who expressed his regret that he would be absent from town at the time of the meeting.

W. C. Zickgraf, a member of the board, said today, "I am in favor of continuing and enlarging the work of the chamber of commerce to meet present conditions."

Ben McGahey said that he hoped the response this year would be as ready and as generous as last, in realization of service which it is possible for the organization to give to citizens and visitors alike.

R. S. Omohundro, treasurer, expressed himself as convinced that response this year will equal or exceed the ready support furnished last year, in the face of our increased opportunity to serve the many who will come to this section for the first time on account of war conditions.

Plans will be presented at this meeting to resume active work of the organization and to make plans to meet the season's demands.

Franklin Churches Celebrate Easter Day

The Easter early morning service held on the golf course was attended by a congregation which numbered considerably more than 100 people who met to worship in celebration of the Resurrection as the sun rose in a cloudless sky.

All the Franklin pastors took part, with the Rev. C. F. Rogers preaching a strong and impressive sermon. He took for his text the three sentences spoken at the tomb on the first Easter morning, "Fear not, Weep not, Go and tell," presenting the fact and promise of the Resurrection as a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

The singing of Easter hymns was led by the Rev. Philip Green.

This was the first sunrise service of the united churches of Franklin, and the purpose was expressed that it be the beginning of an annual celebration of Easter Sunday by this joint observance by the congregations.

The day was unusually warm and clear for the Easter season, which was observed by all the churches in the later services.

Son-In-Law Of W. O. Lewis Killed

Boyce Horne, husband of the former Osceola Lewis, daughter of W. O. Lewis of Franklin, was killed in a train accident March 23, at Marshville, which is near his home below Charlotte. Mr. Horn's car collided with a passing train at the main crossing of the town, killing him instantly.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Alice Gaye, 20 months. They have just arrived in Franklin to spend some time with their family.

Miss Elizabeth CoGuire is spending a few days with her sister in Hamlet.

U.D.C. MEETING HERE TUESDAY

District Gathering Of 60 Hears State President, Reports Made

The Macon County chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy were hostesses on last Tuesday to the 19th annual meeting of the first district of the North Carolina division. Delegations came from two chapters in Asheville, from Sylva, Dillsboro, Hendersonville and Waynesville, the total attendance numbering about 60. The meeting was held in the Franklin Methodist church. The gathering was honored with the presence of the president of the North Carolina division, Mrs. R. O. Everett of Durham, who delivered the principal address. Mrs. L. A. Gossett, district director, of Hendersonville, presided, and was introduced by the local president and vice-director, Mrs. H. E. Churcr.

The district and divisional officers present entered with the United States and Confederate flags borne by pages. These were placed to the right and left and Mrs. J. Ward Long of Franklin, a member of the Andrews chapter, led in the flag ceremony which followed.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was made by the body as follows:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands. One Nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

The Confederate flag was then given solemn salute in these words: "I salute the Confederate flag with reverence, love and undying remembrance."

The responsive-devotional ritual was led by the presiding officer, Mrs. Gossett. In his address of welcome G. L. Houk called attention to the fact that over 900 men from Macon county, which then had a population of less than 3,000, fought in the armies of the Confederacy.

Address By Mrs. Everett

After a delightful musical program presented by Franklin musicians and the singing of The Old North State by the gathering, an eloquent address was made by Mrs. Everett, on the purposes and activities of the state and national organization. The need of an emphasis on preserving spiritual values in patriotic services at this time and for courage to meet this war's impact which will be worthy of the South's heroes whose deeds and memories the Daughters preserve for the nation's history, was stressed. The speaker referred to the Gallup poll which recorded 66 per cent of the South ready for all out opposition to the Axis a few months ago, when the average of other sections was 52 per cent. There was added the project of participating in a broad educational and historical program, not for the welfare of one section, but with a world vision.

"Our nation needs the spirit of the South, the courage, the patriotism, the willingness to give all to defend the right," Mrs. Everett said. Historical programs in the schools reaching 91,190 children was cited as one of the most important activities.

Reports And Resolutions

Chairmen reporting included Mrs. Gertrude Dills McKee, Mrs. C. M. Fortune, Mrs. L. E. Fisher, Mrs. A. D. Parker, Mrs. Preston Thomas, Mrs. R. N. Barber, state registrar, Mrs. J. V. Erskine and Mrs. Jack Dickens.

The program was concluded after the luncheon at Panorama Court, where the following resolution was adopted:

"That an exchange be set up whereby the United Daughters of Confederacy chapters in cities where army camps are located shall be furnished with the names of men who are sons, husbands or brothers of the United Daughters of Confederacy members with a request for hospitality wherever possible."

The following officers were re-elected, Mrs. Gossett, director; Mrs. Church, vice-director, Mrs. J. E. Brown of Asheville, secretary and Mrs. Ella Mathewson of Asheville, historian. The district was invited to meet with the Asheville chapters in 1943.

Proving It's Easy To Handle Bees



BARBARA HURST, daughter of H. C. Hurst of Cartoogechaye, displays courage in handling live bees from her father's hives. This illustration appears in the current issue of the Farmers Federation News. The photo was taken by Bob Brown, editor, on March 13, after the annual meeting of the Federation stockholders. Due to the scarcity of sugar the News is promoting the raising of bees and production of more honey and molasses on the farm.

TROUT SEASON OPENS APRIL 30

Fishing Licenses Required, Places Where They May Be Obtained

The trout season will open in Macon county on Wednesday, April 15, according to an announcement made this week by J. Fred Bryson, game warden. Licenses are required for all streams and the bag limit is 12. The size of all trout must be a minimum of 7 inches.

The bass season is closed from April 14 to June 10, according to Mr. Bryson. He announces the following places in the county where fishing licenses may be obtained.

Franklin, Macon County Supply Co. and Angel's Drug Store; Highlands, Highlands Drug Store; Cullasaja, Wiley Clark, and Jesse Estes; Sealy, J. D. Burnett; Otto, Johnnie Cabe; Rainbow Springs, Mrs. Frank Phillips; Aquone, Carl Nelson; Flatts, Clint May.

Honor Medals

To Be Awarded To Seniors On Graduation

The following students of the Franklin high school will receive honor medals on the night of graduation:

Commercial, Jessie Barnard; agriculture, Hunter Anderson; French, Virginia Bryant; home economics, Elura Belle Sanders; activities, Byrda Nell Southards; science, Elsie Mae Brendle; citizenship, Bruce Bryant; athletics, Tearl Ashe; English, Delma Edwards; history, Mildred Reid; mathematics, Emogene Landrum; attendance, Merl Kinsland.

The Balfour honor award, which consists of Scholarship, Loyalty, and Achievement, is to be awarded to Jessie Barnard.

Cowee School Honor Roll

The following boys of the Cowee School were announced to be on the honor roll for the sixth month.

A; Honor Roll: Third grade, Luanne Gibson, fourth, Edith Hurst; fifth, Louise Bryson; seventh, Sibyll Potts.

B; Honor Roll: first grade, Alice Dalton, Edwinna Roland, Betty Jones; second, Bobby Baby, Howard Cantrell; third, Byrson Hurst, and Howard Cabe; fourth, Betty Sue Allen, Paul Holden, and Johenny Owens; fifth, Frances Shephard, Joan Potts, Roberta Mathis; seventh, Betty Bryson, Ruth Bryson, Mary Sue Jones, Beatty Leatherman, Ada Ruth West, Bruce Rickman, and Roy Rickman.

4th Registration To Be Held on Monday April 27th

The local draft board makes the following announcement:

The President of the United States has issued a proclamation designating Monday, April 27, as Fourth Registration Day.

Those required to register on said date are those men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897, and therefore had attained their 45th birthday on or before February 16, 1942, and have not attained their 65th birthday on April 27, 1942.

It is estimated that there will be one and a half times as many men enrolled in this registration as in the last, that number being 845 in Macon county on February 16, 1941.

Registrants will be contracted and final plans announced in the Press and Maconian before the date of registration. The same places and same registrars will serve in the majority of places, most of them being teachers, and in most cases, the place being the schoolhouse. Hours of registration will be between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

J. E. S. Thorpe To Attend Meeting Of Power Cos.

J. E. S. Thorpe, president of the Nantahala Power and Light company, will attend a meeting of executives of the Southeastern Power companies next week, to be held in New Orleans on April 14, 15 and 16. The meeting has been called to discuss the furthering of the efforts of the various communities in a united war effort, Mr. Thorpe said.

Bataan Peninsula Taken By The Japs After Heroic Resistance

The news of the fall of Bataan Peninsula on the Philippine front over the radio this morning was an announcement from the War Department in Washington. This has been considered inevitable for some days, the resistance of the hopelessly outnumbered forces of U. S. and Filipino troops, to whom it was impossible to send reinforcements or the air support needed, having continued longer than was considered possible. Corregidor and three small islands still held out. The defending forces have held out against ever increasing fresh assault without airplanes to oppose the deadly dive bombing, "until nerve and muscle gave out."

This is the greatest defeat yet suffered by the U. S.

Mrs. Sallie Cunningham Moore who has been ill in Angel Hospital is reported improved.

COURT BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

Judge Allen H. Gwyn To Preside; Light Docket

Macon County Superior court will convene for the April term on Monday morning, April 13, with the Honorable Allen H. Gwyn, judge presiding. The criminal docket is not expected to require clerk of court, and a majority of the cases are minor ones. The docket is not expected to require more than three days.

The civil docket is set for Monday, April 20. The more important of these cases are condemnation proceedings of the Nantahala Power and Light company in connection with power dam construction.

Road Building Reports Heard By Town Board

Road building reports were heard by the town board at its regular meeting last Monday night. Progress was reported slow on account of shortage of labor. Orders were given to repair one of the road building machines. All members were present and Mayor Harrison presided.

A fire was reported at the residence of Don Henry which was put out before any serious damage was done. An electric fire alarm was ordered installed at the new fire engine house on the corner of Iotla and Church streets. The volunteer fire department was commended for its efficient work in extinguishing recent blazes before much damage was done.

Republicans To Meet Monday, April 13

A meeting of the Republicans of Macon county has been called to meet Monday April 13, at 8 p. m. to slate a county ticket to be voted for at the May primary.

Quarterly Conference At Mt. Zion Church

Rev. W. L. Hutchins, District Superintendent of the Waynesville District, will preach at the Mt. Zion Methodist church Sunday morning April 12 at 11 o'clock. After the service he will hold the second Quarterly Conference of the Macon Circuit. Dinner will be served on the grounds for all who attend the services.

RED CROSS NOTES

Mrs. J. E. Perry, chairman of Production wishes to announce that there is a new shipment of sweater yarn and that the Red Cross Rooms which are located in the Bank bldg. will be open Monday and Thursday afternoons of each week from one o'clock until four.

MACON MEN GO TO CAMP

A Rousing Send-Off Given Men Who Left For Ft. Bragg Today

More Macon county registrants left Franklin at 8:30 Thursday morning, April 9, to join the nation's armed forces at Fort Bragg. They were given a rousing send-off by friends and relatives who came to see them depart.

There were 32 men in the party as follows:

Volunteers: Ernest John Messer, Leatherman; Weaver Wykle, Leatherman; George Dewey Elliott, Route 4, Franklin; Ed Green, Star Route, Gneiss.

Selectees: Robert Benjamin Guffee, Franklin Route 4; James Thomas McClure, Clayton, Ga.; Anger Owenby, Nantahala; William Collier, Franklin Route 1; Clate Davis Mashburn, Franklin; Charles Wilburn Franks, Franklin; Claude Patton, Franklin Route 1; Joe Brown Jones, Franklin Route 1; Rufus McKinley Holden, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Jim Webb, Sealy; Dewey William Guffie, Franklin Route 4; Everett Asbury Zimmerman, Franklin; James Jefferson Angel, Franklin; Albert Chastain, Highlands; Ben Burt Bolick, Highlands; Charles Glen West, Etna; Clarence Crawford, Route 3 Franklin; Royal Matthew Roland, Kyle; Thomas Sydney Thompson, Franklin Route 3; Dewey Ray Johnson, Franklin Route 1; David John Carpenter, Prentiss; Troy Forest Justice, Franklin Route 1; James Henry Mason, Route 3, Franklin; Lonnie Woodrow Evans, Aquone; William Roderick Potts, Highlands; Gordon William Southard, Route 1; Joseph Weldon Fouts, Franklin; and Clarence Randolph Van Hook, Route 2.

Mrs. J. E. Perry formed the committee to serve coffee and doughnuts to the men before they left. Assisting Mrs. Perry were Mrs. Jesse Conley, Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe, and Miss Gladys Sellers.

Citizens of Franklin presented each soldier with a copy of the New Testament and Psalms. Lawrence Liner was chairman of the committee.

Men In Service

David Grayson Higdon, son of Mrs. T. B. Higdon of Cullasaja recently has been transferred from Fort Bragg to Camp Blanding Ga.

Rull A. Holland of the U. S. Navy spent a two day's leave with his mother, Mrs. Pearl S. Holland and home folks. He has now returned to New York, where he is stationed.

Robert McGaha who is stationed at Fort Sherman in the Canal Zone, writes his sister, Mrs. Chace Tatham of Cleveland Tenn. that he misses most of all down there is snow but that the ever blooming flowers and fruits sort of make up for it. Robert is an assistant to an electrical engineer.

Perry Matlock, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Matlock of West's Mill, will shortly go to Fort Benning, Ga. to take his place among the nation's armed forces.

J. D. Sutton was at home from Fort Jackson with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sutton, enjoying a bit of Easter furlough. He also visited his grandmother, Mrs. D. G. Sutton of Jackson county.

Robert Saunders, son of Mrs. W. M. Saunders of Franklin, is an assistant road construction superintendent on duty in Panama. He reports that he was a member of a party which was the first to cross the recently completed trans-Isthmus highway connecting France Field and the Madden Dam. Of added interest is his account of an ocean fishing trip wherein he caught 216 fish ranging from one to five and a half pounds—all within two hours.

Ensign G. Andrew Jones, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Jones of Franklin has been transferred from Pensacola Field where he was a flight instructor, to New York. He expects to pass through Asheville Friday where his family will meet him.

James C. Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene L. Jacobs of Franklin route 3, is enjoying a short furlough with his parents, from the New Orleans Air Base.

Corporal Oran J. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunningham of Franklin route 3, is an expert aerial photographer at Maxwell Field, Montgomery Alabama. He is home on furlough.