

Gov. Hodges To Open Centennial Event



A SOMEWHAT wistful "Woody" Gibson, about as tired as a three-year-old could be following Saturday's "Struttin'" for the Centennial, models what little boys wore 100 years ago and invites, "Join the Fun, Folks". "Woody", white button shoes and all, belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Gibson.

4-H Review Winners Are Picked

Peggy Jean Moore and Nancy Berry were selected as county senior and junior winners, respectively, at last Thursday's annual 4-H dress review in Franklin.

Peggy Jean is a member of the Otto club and Nancy the Higdonville club.

Held in the basement of the Methodist church, the review was judged by Miss Jean Childers, assistant home agent in Haywood County, Mrs. Barbara B. Hunnicutt, former assistant home agent in this county, and Mrs. Graham Grindstaff, of Franklin.

In addition to the senior and junior winners, others placing included:

Blue award: Carolyn Carter, nightwear; Patsy Cochran, sportswear; Barbara Carter, school dress; Peggy Jean Moore, best dress; and Nancy Berry, school dress.

Red award: Margaret Davis, nightwear; Mildred Bingham, best dress; Emma Watson, party dress; Anita Ammons, school dress; Mary Jo Swafford, school dress; and Brenda Cunningham, best dress.

White award: Ruth Ann Shepherd, best dress; Rhubena Gregory, school dress; and Nina Ann Norris, party dress.

Those attending the review were welcomed by Miss Sharon Swanson, narrator; Miss Nancy Cable, president of the county 4-H council; Miss Majorie Moody was pianist.

The Iotla club was in charge of the social hour following the review.

As a feature of the program, Miss Helen Cochran sang "Indian Love Call", accompanied at the piano by Miss Nancy Cochran.

Installation Set Tuesday

The American Legion Auxiliary plans to install new officers Tuesday evening as a feature of its annual dinner meeting with the Legionnaires.

Set for 7 o'clock at Slagle Memorial Building, the event will be a covered dish supper.

John L. Crawford, immediate past commander of the post, will install the following auxiliary officers:

Mrs. Reid Womack, president; Mrs. John Crawford, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Vaughn, secretary; Mrs. Frank I. Murray, treasurer; Mrs. Doyle Blaine, chaplain; Mrs. Cecil Parker, sergeant-at-arms; and Mrs. C. Tom Bryson, historian.

Hostesses for the supper are Mrs. Cecil Parker, Mrs. Harold Enloe, Mrs. W. N. Dalrymple, and Mrs. J. L. Martin.

MEADOWS NEW V. F. W. COMMANDER

Installation Set June 22 At Post Home; Succeeds C. J. Ragan

Zeb Meadows, Franklin postmaster, is the new commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Elected to serve with him during 1955-56 at a meeting Wednesday night of last week were Victor H. Perry, senior vice-commander; T. H. Fagg, junior vice-commander; L. B. Welch, quartermaster; C. Banks Finger, reelected post advocate; the Rev. R. D. Burnette, reelected chaplain, Dr. Joseph W. Kahn, post surgeon; and C. Jack Ragan, the retiring commander, three-year-trustee.

Installation of the new officers is scheduled the night of June 22 at the post home on Palmer Street.

Mr. Ragan served as commander for two years.

He's A Real Long Hair . . .

Talk about a beard! And long hair! Better than a foot of both! And it's in Franklin, too.

On top of George Bernard (Bushy) Cook, of Mebane, who has become something of a celebrity in sporting circles as the hairy keeper of Ramases, the football mascot of the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Cook has been in these parts since Monday, "just to do a little fishing."

But, he'll be around today (Thursday) for the opening of the Centennial celebration to show the wives of Franklin's bewhiskered males what they will look like after their hair and beards have been growing for better than six years.

Still Destroyed In Nantahala

A 35-gallon still was destroyed Monday of last week in the Nantahala section, according to Sheriff J. Harry Thomas.

The small unit, which was set up in the Dick's Creek area near Morgan cut, was not in operation at the time and no arrest was made, he said.

Five barrels of mash was dumped and other distilling equipment smashed.

ATTEND ENCAMPMENT

Zeb Meadows, C. Jack Ragan, and James E. Perry, Jr., attended the V. F. W. state encampment in Durham Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Burlington Operating From Plant

Burlington Industries, Inc., is now operating completely from its newly-opened hosiery plant just outside Franklin.

The final switch — moving from downtown offices in the Nantahala Building — took place Saturday.

Vance Rucker, office manager and personnel director, yesterday (Wednesday) noted that all interviews with applicants who have cleared through the Employment Security Commission and hold interview cards are now taking place at the plant offices.

The company had occupied the second-floor offices in the Nantahala Building since mid-April.

Production on a limited scale started at the plant May 30.

Auxiliary Installs Mrs. Slagle

Mrs. Richard H. Slagle officially took over her duties as president of the local V. F. W. Auxiliary following an installation ceremony Monday evening.

A covered dish supper preceded the ceremony. Mrs. Lucille Angel was the installing officer.

Others serving with Mrs. Slagle include Mrs. James E. Perry, Jr., senior vice-president; Mrs. Vic Perry, junior vice-president; Mrs. R. E. Welch, treasurer; Mrs. Howard Barnard, secretary; Mrs. Neal Johnston, guard; Mrs. W. W. Reeves, patriotic instructor; Mrs. James McCollum, Mrs. Leida Sutton, Mrs. Anne Murray, and Mrs. Kenneth Clark, color bearers; Mrs. Vic Perry, alternate color bearer; Miss Ruth McCollum, chaplain; Mrs. Lucille Angel, historian; and Mrs. Bill Hopkins, and Mrs. Lucille Angel, trustees.

The new president succeeds Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum.

22 MAKE TRIP —

Macon 4-H's Are At Camp

Twenty-two boys and girls from this county left Monday afternoon for a week at Camp Schaub, the 4-H camp near Waynesville.

The group will return here Saturday.

Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe, and James G. Flanagan, assistant agents in charge of 4-H, are serving on the camp staff for the week.

Campers include Wayne Guest, Ronald Harper, Jessie Louise Carpenter, Ann Pennington, Clayton Richardson, Bob Clappitt, Jerry Gibson, Ronnie Heri-

3---Day Birthday Party Starts Today

Gov. Luther H. Hodges, who has been fishing and resting here since Monday afternoon, this (Thursday) morning will have the enviable distinction of joining with 38 lovely young ladies in opening Franklin's three-day Centennial celebration.

It's the "Governor's Day", and the affable chief executive's first official chore will be crowning "Miss Centennial", who is to be selected from among 38 young ladies competing for the title.

The "Miss Centennial" parade is set to get under way at 10 o'clock (contestants are to meet at Poindexter's Service Station in East Franklin) with the Johnston, V.F.W. and Auxiliary; Shirley Cloer, Crisp's Studio; Beverly Higdon, Garden Club; Caroline Crawford, Franklin Press; Patti Lou Phillips, Woods Motor Court; Mildred Corbin, Indian Mound Service Station; Robbie Gay Tallent, Farm Bureau Insurance; Willa Mae Cloer, West's Florist; Lolita Holland, Mason Food Market; Ann Hays, The Children's Shop; and Julia Moody, Dryman's.

Presented several hundred dollars in cash and merchandise donated by local merchants, according to Mrs. Larry Cabe, Babe, chairman in charge.

38 Young Ladies

Thirty-eight young ladies are competing in the "Miss Centennial" contest today.

Contestants and their sponsors include Misses Martha Ann Stockton, Franklin Mineral Products; Patsy Childers, Franklin Hardware Company; Kathleen Younce, Conley Motor Company; Margaret Crawford, Franklin Frozen Foods; Mary Kate Roane, Horsley's Restaurant; Sarah Lee Corbin, Belk's Department Store; Virginia Franklin, Bob Gaines Motors; Emma Jean Downs, Downs and Dowdle; Julia Waldroop, Rotary Club; Bobby Burch, Western Carolina Telephone Company; Carolyn Bryson, Zickgraf Hardware Company; Freda Siler, Reeves Hardware Company; Lelia Jo Gailley, Dixie Grill; Dixie Nell Morrison, Shook's Service Station; Katrina N. Cochran, Nantahala Power and Light Company; Jewel Angel, Carolina Pharmacy; Carolyn Cochran, Burrell Motor Company; Margaret Thomas, Lions Club; Wilma Renshaw, The Twins' Shop; Mildred Childers, Bryant Furniture Company; Nancy Angel, Angel Memorial; Betty Sue Huggins, Rickman's; O. K. Rubber Welders; Joann Hopkins, The Bank of Franklin; Clementine Winninger, Jaycees; Frances Huscusson, Junior Woman's Club; Mary Ann

Dedication Next

Next on Gov. Hodges' agenda will be the 1 o'clock dedication of the town's new municipal building and an address. He is to be introduced by Judge George B. Patton.

Other highlights of the dedication program include the burial of a time capsule by Mayor W. C. Burrell and the board of aldermen; a statement of purpose by Weimar Jones, editor-publisher of The Press; a historical review by Macon Rep. G. L. Houck; and presentation of the Centennial plaque by J. P. Brady to Mayor Burrell on behalf of the Centennial committee. The invocation will be by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan and the benediction by the Rev. W. N. Cook. A prayer will be offered by the Rev. S. B. Moss.

These features of the dedication will center around the new city building, which is under construction at the intersection of US 23-441 and West Main.

Later in the afternoon, the governor and his wife are to be entertained at a special reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Higdon by town and county officials and the heads of local civic organizations. The governor, who has been staying with A. B. Slagle, will leave after the reception.

Sandwiched between these activities will be a variety of contests and events in the theme of 1855.

A free square dance is scheduled on the town square at 8 o'clock, with music by Hunter Young's String Band.

Friday 'Parade Day'

A committee headed by Bob S. Sloan will throw the wraps off "Parade Day" Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

However, the day's events are scheduled to get under way at 10 on the town square with several contests and an ox and steer race.

In the contests, cash prizes and certificates are to be presented for the oldest dress, most fashionable dress, prettiest bonnet, oldest men's suit, most original attire, and the most outstanding couple.

On Depot Street

Floats, which will number between 25 and 30, and the more than 25 individual entries are asked to meet on Depot Street

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The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, the weather observer in Highlands by Earl N. Hall and in Waynesville by A. S. Roper, and in the Cherokee Highlands Laboratory at Franklin.

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed. June 8	89	44	.54
Thursday	71	46	.25
Friday	71	51	.06
Saturday	71	58	.32
Sunday	70	51
Monday	72	52
Tuesday	70	56

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed. June 8	61	40	.38
Thursday	69	45	.09
Friday	69	50	.42
Saturday	72	59
Sunday	69	53
Monday	72	45
Tuesday	71	53

Are Probing Break-In At Resort Home

The George F. Bensele summer home in Highlands is getting right popular with the burglary set.

Officers are now investigating a break-in at the home, which was one of several in that area entered last year.

And the circumstances surrounding the latest break-in the Bensele home are "also identical" with those of last year, according to Sheriff J. Harry Thomas. In both instances, entrance was gained by cutting through the screen and going through the bathroom window. The sheriff said the screen was even cut in the same place.

At the time he made his report, he said it was not known what had been taken from the home.

Sheriff Thomas and Highlands officers Henry Chastain and Dick Rice are conducting the investigation.

Franklin Baseball Team Play Slated

Organized this week, the Franklin baseball team will play its first game Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in Highlands.

Grady Corbin is the playing manager and J. D. Gibson is business manager.

The managers have issued an invitation for all interested to try out for the team. Practice sessions are to be held every Wednesday at 4:30 p. m. and every Saturday at 2:30 at the high school stadium.

Franklin Has 5 In Their 90's

They Can Remember Almost A Century Ago



MRS. T. W. ANGEL — At 94, she's Franklin's oldest citizen. Education of her children has been passion of her life.



MRS. NAN RAY—"Aunt Nan", as this respected Negress is known, still cooks, works in her yard—and she'll soon be 94!



MRS. GEORGE A. JONES — Nearly 93, she rarely misses church. . . . For 60 years she's lived in home that was her grandparents'.



MRS. LEE CRAWFORD — A frisky 90, she's shown here making a cake on her 90th birthday. She and Mrs. Jones are sisters.



ERNEST RANKIN — He's "baby" of Franklin's nonagenarians. . . . At 90, he mows lawn, makes geometrical sketches for fun. He's only non-native of Macon in group.