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ABANDONMENT OF T. F. R. R. ASKED

UNVEIL INDIAN MONUMENT SOON

Memorial Stone Erected To Chief Chutahsotih And His Wife

PROGRAM PLANNED

E. B. Norvell, of Murphy, To Speak at Exercises On July 30

Saturday, July 30, has been set for the unveiling of a granite monument in old St. John's churchyard in the Cartoogechaye section to Chief Chutahsotih and his wife, Kuntakih.

Plans for the program have not been completed, but Miss Elizabeth Kelly will act as master of ceremonies and E. B. Norvell, prominent Murphy attorney, is expected to make an address.

The celebration is expected to attract hundreds of people from this and other counties.

The movement to mark the graves of Chutahsotih and his wife was started last winter by Mrs. C. C. Cunningham, of Franklin; Mrs. Henry Slagle, Mrs. Tom Slagle and Mrs. George Wallace, of Cartoogechaye, and Mrs. T. J. Johnston, of Franklin.

The monument, a simple inscribed bolder, was carved from Macon county granite by a local workman. It already has been put in place over the graves.

Teachers' Meeting To Be Held at School House

A county-wide teachers' meeting, the first of the 1932-33 school session, will be held in the graded school building in Franklin at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, July 23.

A number of the short term rural schools in the county began their school terms last Monday. Others are scheduled to open next Monday, but the consolidated schools in Franklin and in Highlands will not start the year's work until the first Monday in September.

McLaren Makes Good Chopping Challenge

Peter McLaren, who claims to be the world's fastest wood-chopper, made good last Thursday his challenge to chop through a log in 50 per cent less time than any man in Macon county.

George Scott, Charley Jennings and N. A. Gibson, three of the best woodmen in the county, attempted to wrest from McLaren the \$50 prize he had offered to any man who could chop a log in 50 per cent more time than it required him.

McLaren, swinging his axe with easy rhythm, chopped the log in two in one minute and 15 seconds, thereby retaining the \$50 prize.

NEWS SUMMARY

A Survey of State and National Events Concisely Told in Brief Up-to-Date News Reports

STATE TAX DECLINES

The state's 15 cent ad valorem tax for support of schools was \$614,000 below budget estimates on June 30.

Place 20,178,429 Fish

In two years the state fish hatcheries have placed 20,178,429 fish in N. C. waters, of which 8,178,429 are classed as strictly game fish.

Carter Heads Spanish Vets

D. V. Carter, Winston-Salem, was on Tuesday at the annual encampment, held at Charlotte, chosen commander of the North Carolina department of United Spanish War Veterans.

Mrs. Reynolds Absolved

After a three-days hearing, the coroner's jury at Winston-Salem reported Monday that Z. Smith Reynolds, heir to tobacco millions, was killed July 13 by a bullet wound at the hands of an unknown party.

Approve University Merger

The new board of trustees met at Raleigh, Monday, to approve plans for merging N. C. State college and N. C. college for Women into the University of North Carolina, with one president and three vice-presidents.

Supreme Court Clerk Dies

Frank Nash, 77, clerk of the N. C. Supreme court since June, 1931, and for 13 years prior to that time, died at his Raleigh home Sunday morning.

Demands State Curtailment

A curtailment of fully 7,000,000 in state government costs for the coming year, is asked by Treasurer John P. Stedman in a letter to the governor to escape suspension of salary and current expense payments.

Franklin Surrenders

Lola Franklin, Madison county, surrendered to officers Sunday after being sought since Thursday for the killing of ambush of "Son" Landers.

Curtis Is Sentenced

Convicted of obstructing justice by false representations in the Lindbergh kidnaping, John H. Curtis, Norfolk boat-builder was fined \$1,000 and given a year in prison at Flemington, N. J., Monday. He will appeal.

20 Drown in W. Virginia

A death toll of over 20 is estimated in 12 mining villages in West Virginia, as result of floods along two creeks early Monday. One hundred and fifty houses were swept away.

Ask Return of Gold

The directors of the Bank for International Settlements on Monday issued a call for return of nations to the gold standard for money, with England, Japan and Sweden concurring and indicating as early a return as possible by them to gold.

Allot School Funds

Allotment of \$1,275,000 for extended school term aid in the state was made by the equalization board Friday and \$30,000 was allotted for health work.

UPSHAW DRY NOMINEE

William D. Upshaw, Georgian, was last week chosen by the prohibition party in convention in Indianapolis, as its candidate for the presidency.

Coxey is Nominated

The executive committee of the farmer-labor party on Sunday at Omaha, Neb., chose Jacob S. Coxey, of Ohio, as presidential candidate.

Razor King Dies

King C. Gillette, who perfected the double-edge, safety razor and saw its manufacture developed into a great industry died Sunday at Los Angeles at age of 77.

Major Crops Decline

A strong decline in volume of major crops for 1932 is indicated in the federal report estimating a drop of 157,000,000 bushels in wheat, 29 per cent in tobacco and 9.5 per cent in cotton acreage.

Many Die in Powder Blast

A guard of 40 soldiers and many civilians were killed in the Sunday explosion of an ammunition depot on the outskirts of Nanking, Chinese capital.

U. S. Revenue Drops

The federal internal revenue receipts for past fiscal year were \$1,554,232,263, a drop of 35 per cent from the preceding year. New York has paid 25 per cent of the total.

Red Cross Aids N. C.

More than 13,000,000 pounds of flour, donated by the Red Cross have been shipped into North Carolina for relief of the destitute, according to Mrs. Mary C. Sprinkle, field representative of the Red Cross.

Wins \$13,500 Verdict

A \$13,500 verdict was given at Winston-Salem last week for Mrs. Alexandria Hankins who sued her father-in-law, J. R. Hankins, in a sensational case for \$150,000 for alienation of her husband's affections.

Asks Mills To Curtail

A month's curtailment in production and cessation of all night work for one year is recommended to cotton textile mills by the directing board of the American Cotton Manufacturers association, meeting in Charlotte Saturday. The results from slack demand for cotton goods and accumulation of stocks.

WORLD FLYERS CRASH

The ambitious world-circling flight of James Mattern and Bennett Griffin which opened Wednesday with a record non-stop flight from Newfoundland to Berlin, ended Thursday morning in the crashing of their plane in a peat bog in western Russia and abandonment of the efforts to beat the eight-day record of Post and Gatty.

Cut Reparations Down

Representatives of the principal powers approved on Saturday at Lausanne an agreement to cut the German reparation total from 64 billions down to 7 1/2 billions. The agreement must be ratified by the parliaments of the powers which will not be done until a economic conference is held to ask the United States to scale down its 11 billions in war debts due from Europe.

N. C. Press Meeting

The 60th annual meeting of the N. C. Press association is in progress. (Continued on page six)

John T. Berry Weds Mrs. Delia H. Clouse

John T. Berry, prominent farmer and stock raiser of the Ellijay section, and Mrs. Delia Harris Clouse, operator of Clouse's restaurant in Franklin, were married last Wednesday afternoon at Clayton, Ga., by Will Smith, ordinary. It is Mr. Berry's first marriage.

The couple were accompanied to Clayton by Logan Berry, of Holly Springs, Heatman Dean, of Watsuga, Roy Berry, of Ellijay, and several other friends. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Berry returned to Mr. Berry's home on Ellijay.

TREES PLANTED ALONG HIGHWAY

Evergreens Set out By Local U. D. C. Chapter On Route 285

Several truck loads of evergreens have been planted along the sides of State Highway 285 on the eastern and southern outskirts of Franklin by the Macon county chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which recently undertook a program of highway beautification.

Members of the chapter expressed indebtedness to Tom Johnston and his highway maintenance crew for the work of getting the trees and planting them. Maples, pines, sourwood and dogwood seedlings were provided by Mrs. Anna Harrington, while Carl Slagle gave a truck load of laurel, W. B. LeNoir a truck load of white pines, and T. M. Slagle a load of hemlocks.

PRODUCE BUYER IN BEAN MARKET

W. L. Richardson, Macon, Ga., Returns to Franklin; Prices Off

W. L. Richardson, produce buyer of Macon, Ga., has arrived in Franklin for the 1932 bean season. Mr. Richardson, who has been coming here for several years, expressed the hope that he would be in the market for beans for at least three weeks, but said that due to the unsettled condition of the market he could not state definitely how long he would be here.

Last year at this time Mr. Richardson was paying \$1.25 a bushel for beans, but this year the price level has been far below this, in many cases only 30 to 40 cents being offered. Mr. Richardson, however, said he hoped the market would pick-up in a few days so he would be able to pay at least 50 cents a bushel.

Mr. Richardson said he expected soon to be in position to buy onions, tomatoes and other truck crops, as well as beans. He is making his headquarters at Henry D. West's store in the Franks building on Main street. He suggested that farmers interested in selling beans see him first before bringing their beans to sell.

Cowee Baptist Church To Have Revival Meeting

A revival meeting will be started at the Cowee Baptist church Monday night, July 18, with the Rev. W. E. Conner doing the preaching. Rev. Mr. Conner was pastor of Cowee church from 1900 to 1902.

HOLD FLOWER SHOW JULY 30

Cash Prizes To Be Awarded In Fourth Annual Exhibition

RULES ANNOUNCED

All Flower Growers of County Asked To Submit Entries

The fourth annual Macon County Flower show is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 30, in the building owned by Mrs. C. C. Cunningham and formerly occupied by Callahan's 5 and 10 cent store. Every flower grower in Macon county is invited to submit flowers for exhibition in this show.

Cash prizes will be awarded in a large number of classes. In order that these prizes may be distributed to a large number of contestants, the club has stipulated that no entrant shall receive more than two prizes. Following is a list of the classes with the prizes to be awarded in each:

Best display of yellow flowers, \$1.00; best variety of gladioli, \$1.00; best collection of giant zinnias, \$1.00; finest variety of snap dragons, \$1.25; best collection of poppy zinnias, 50 cents; combination of three different flowers in bowl, basket or vase, \$1.00; finest collection of dahlias, \$1.50; best single dahlia, 50 cents; greatest variety of wild flowers, \$1.00; newest flower, \$1.75; best potted flower, 50 cents; prettiest collection of mixed flowers, \$1.00; grand sweepstakes, \$2.00.

The following rules and regulations have been announced for the exhibition:

- 1-Exhibitors must comply with rules or entry will be disqualified. 2-Only one entry will be allowed an exhibitor in each class. 3-All entries must be in the hands of the arrangement committee between 8:30 and 10 o'clock the morning of the show. 4-Judging will be in progress from 11 a. m. to 12 o'clock, noon, during which time only the judges will be allowed in the show room.

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OXFORD ORPHANS TO GIVE RECITAL AT 8 P. M. MONDAY

A class from the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford, N. C., will give a program of music in the Macon county court house, Monday night, July 18, beginning at 8 o'clock. The admission will be 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults. This group of youngsters make a tour of the state every year to raise funds to help defray expenses at the orphanage, one of the largest in North Carolina. It is hoped that a large audience will turn out to hear the children. Members of the class will be entertained in the homes of local Masons.

Possibility of Surfacing Pine Mountain Road Seen

Cooperation between the National Forest service and the Georgia Highway board may make possible the surfacing of the Pine Mountain road between Clayton and Pine Mountain, Ga., where it connects with the Three-states highway.

The plan will depend on whether congress appropriates emergency funds for forest highway construction. The Pine Mountain road was improved some months ago by the Forest service, but no portion of it has been surfaced. If emergency funds are allotted

Petition Filed; Hearing Called At Gainesville

Application Made by J. F. Gray, Receiver, To Be Heard In U. S. District Court at Gainesville On Friday, July 22

FRANKLIN BUSINESS MEN SEEK MEANS TO PREVENT LINE'S DISCONTINUANCE

Receiver Says Railway Lost \$27,964 First 5 Months This Year; Now Unable To Borrow Money or Meet Expenses

Discontinuance of service on the Tallulah Falls railway, extending from Cornelia, Ga., to Franklin, is sought in a petition filed by J. F. Gray, receiver for the line, in the United States District court of Northern Georgia. Formal notice of this action was given this week with the issuance by Mr. Gray of the following statement:

"This is to notify all parties interested that the receiver of the Tallulah Falls Railway company has filed in the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Georgia, an application for authority to apply to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to cease operations of said railway. The hearing on this application will be had before the U. S. District Judge at Gainesville, Georgia, on July 22, 1932."

COUNTY LEAGUE RACE IS CLOSE

Cowee and West End Teams Tied for Mid-Season Honors

The race for the honors of the first half of the baseball season, in the Macon county baseball league, is going to be close, judging from all indications. The game Saturday between Cowee and West End tied these two teams for top honors and much interest is astir in the play-off game between these two teams.

The first half of the schedule will come to a close with the game of July 23, or two more games. If the same team doesn't win both the first half and the last half of the season, a county series will be played.

All games went through smoothly on Saturday. Cartoogechaye won a forfeited game, as the Franklin team failed to take the field. It is hoped that the Saturday game will be played off some time within the next two weeks, since the boys who were to play are from Iotla and they didn't fully understand all particulars.

The Iotla boys say that they will be in the schedule from now on. It was necessary to substitute for the Franklin boys after an all star team had been formed. But the schedule will remain as printed and the Iotla boys will go under the name of Franklin since the schedule already has been prepared. Last Saturday's scores:

At Prentiss 7, Holly Springs 6; at Cowee 17, West End 9; at Mountain Grove 8, Highlands 7; at Franklin 0, Cartoogechaye 9 (forfeited game). The schedule for Saturday, July 16: West End at Holly Springs, Franklin at Mountain Grove, Cowee at Cartoogechaye, Prentiss at Highlands.

Little Girl Pleads For Mother's Return

Written in childish scrawl, the following letter has been received by The Press: "Dear editor 'Will you print this for me. I am a little girl 9 years old and my little sister Ruby is 6. My mother left Home last Tuesday. tel Her in your Paper to come Back Home to me. I cant Live without Her. Please print this for me. my name 'Elizabeth R. and Little Ruby' "Westminster R. No. 4 S C" "they tell me She went to franklin good By god Bless Mother"