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ABOUT MACON COUNTY

Macon County has a population of 13,400. Its area is 328,320 acres. The forest area is approximately 248,732 acres, comprising 75 per cent of the total land area. The total stand of saw timber is estimated at 485,000,000 board feet.—Facts supplied by N. C. Department Conservation and Industry.

MONUMENT TO BE UNVEILED

Various Exercises And
Picnic Dinner To Be
Big Feature

MANY SPEAKERS
Marker Chiseled From
Macon County
Granite

Hundreds of people from Macon and other Western North Carolina counties are expected to gather on the headwaters of the Cartoogechaye creek Saturday, July 30, for the unveiling of a granite monument over the graves of Chief Chutahsoth and his wife, Kuntakie, in old St. John's churchyard.

The monument chiseled from native stone, is the work of A. A. Angel, Franklin stone-cutter who contributed half the cost.

Plans for the unveiling call for a picnic dinner on the grounds at noon with various exercises to take place both in the morning and the afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly will act as chairman. Little Arthur Toomer, of Gainesville, Ga., a grandson of the late Rev. J. A. Deal, a friend of the old Indian chieftain, will do the unveiling. E. B. Norvell, of Murphy, known as one of the best authorities in Western North Carolina on Indian history, will be one of the principal speakers. Dr. S. H. Lyle will give the address of welcome. The Rev. N. C. Duncan, now in charge of the work of the Episcopal church in Macon county, will speak on the subject of "Rev. J. A. Deal's work among the Indians during his 30 years as a missionary in Macon county." Felix E. Alley, attorney of Waynesville, has also been secured to speak.

Indians To Be Present
A group of Indian singers from the Cherokee reservation, who recently won the banner in the county-wide singing contest in Swain county, will be present with their chief and representatives of reservation officials.

The program for the unveiling is being arranged by Mrs. C. C. Cunningham, Mrs. Henry Slagle, Mrs. T. J. Johnston, Mrs. Tom Slagle and Mrs. Andy Setser. These ladies are planning to sell cold drinks, water melons and other foods on the grounds the day of the unveiling to help pay the expenses of the exercises.

SERIES OF SERVICES TO BE HELD IN MORRISON CHURCH

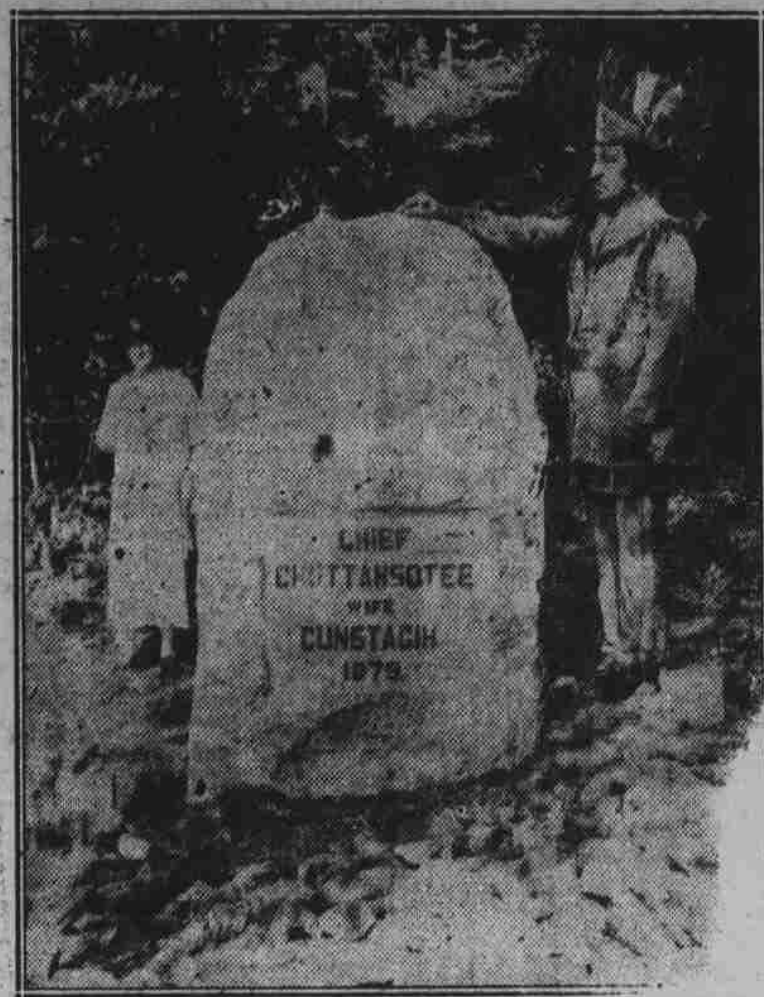
A special series of protracted services will be held in the Morrison Presbyterian church on the Georgia road beginning Wednesday evening, August 3rd and continuing through Sunday evening, August 14th, according to announcement by Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the church. Local ministers of the county will do the preaching for the first part of series. Rev. M. C. Dendy, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Gainesville, Ga., will take charge and preach during the latter part of the meeting beginning Monday evening, August 8. Mr. Dendy is a preacher of ability with an attractive personality and evangelistic appeal. The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

TO ORGANIZE COUNTY YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

Mrs. Mary T. Evans of High Point, vice-president of the North Carolina Young People's Democratic club, was in Franklin on Thursday, July 21, for the purpose of organizing a Macon County Young People's club. Mrs. Evans has set Saturday, July 30, at 3 p. m. to return and organize the club. The meeting will be held in the courthouse, and all the young folks are invited to be present. Ladies, both young and old, are invited to attend.

At this organization of the Macon county club officers will be elected and plans made for the coming election. The program will also include speeches by several well known speakers of the state, including Miss Ferguson and Felix Alley of Waynesville.

Memorial To Indian Couple



CONVENTION OF B. Y. P. U.

Iota To Be Site of
Meeting; Many Ex-
pected To Attend

The Macon County B. Y. P. U. association will hold its annual associational meeting with the Iota Baptist church on Friday, July 29. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m. The program for the day has been completed and mailed out to the churches. The program this year is one that will be filled with spiritual inspiration and helps to the young people of this association. Miss Winnie Rickett, state B. Y. P. U. secretary, will speak in the afternoon. Mr. James A. Ivey, state B. Y. P. U. president and pastor of the West Asheville Baptist church, will speak at the morning service.

A part of the program will be given over to the pastors present and each one will be given time for a brief talk. Mrs. J. D. Franks, associational president, and other associational officers have made a special plea to the pastors of this association to be present as this will be a feature part of the program. Young people of Macon county will appear on the program. Dinner will be served by the people of the Iota church in the old fashioned style of "dinner on the ground." The lunch hour will be turned into an hour of fellowship.

Delegations are unlimited and every church is asked and expected to send delegates whether they have a B. Y. P. U. or not. The delegation is expected to be one of the largest ever attending a B. Y.

FEDERAL AID FOR HIGHWAY 28

Other Western Counties
To Be Included In
Project

Several Western North Carolina projects are included in the list planned by the State Highway commission for construction with federal funds provided in the recently enacted relief bill. This measure appropriated \$120,000,000 for federal road aid of which several millions will be allotted to North Carolina.

One of the first projects to be let by the State Highway commission will be the link of route 28 between Franklin and Hayesville in Macon and Clay counties.

Other projects in this section are: Portion of route 106 in Jackson county, extending from Sylva through Brevard to route 28 between Brevard and Highlands. Completion of the Yonahlossee trail, or route 691, between Blowing Rock and Linville. Completion of route 18 from Spruce Pine through Little Switzerland to Woodlawn.

According to highway officials, the construction of these links will practically complete the main highways for the mountain section.

The Young Tar Heel Farmers club will meet at 2 p. m., Saturday, July 30, at the Franklin high school building, it was announced by E. H. Meacham, vocational agriculture instructor. All members are urged to be present, especially those who wish to attend the White Lake camp during the week of August 15.

Cowee Wins First Half Macon's League Schedule

The Cowee baseball team has won high score for the first half of the Macon county league's schedule after a hard fought campaign. Winning this honor speaks well for the Cowee nine as there are some good ball players in the Macon county baseball league.

Last Wednesday Cowee and West End played off a game that had been called a few weeks ago on account of rain, on the Franklin diamond. This was a hard fought game from start to finish, with the Cowee boys winning by an 8 to 6 score. Until the game Wednesday Cowee and West End had been tied for high honors.

The Saturday games resulted in the following scores: At Franklin 1, Highlands 22; at Mountain Grove 9, Cowee 11; at Prentiss 4, West End 10; and at Cartoogechaye 5, Holly Springs 8. J. Frank Ray, president of the Macon county baseball league, has called a meeting to be held in the courthouse on Wednesday evening, at 8:30 o'clock. All clubs of the league are urged to be present for this meeting.

The second half of the league's schedule begins on Saturday, July 30. All teams of the league will start on the same rating, and if Cowee fails to win the second half, a county 3 game series, will be played between the two high teams after the regular schedule is played. The games for Saturday are: Franklin at Holly Springs, Mountain Grove at West End, Cowee at Highlands, and Prentiss at Cartoogechaye.

The rating of the different teams for the first half of the season is as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Avg.
Cowee	6	1	857
West End	5	2	715
Highlands	5	2	715
Holly Springs	3	4	429
Mountain Grove	3	4	429
Cartoogechaye	2	5	286
Prentiss	2	5	286
Franklin	2	5	286

GROWING NEED FOR CHAPTERS

Better Check On Needs
Of Communities
Desired

The Macon county chapter of the Red Cross met in the courthouse at Franklin, on Saturday afternoon. A large crowd was present, including a teacher or representative from each school district of Macon county.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, chairman of the Macon county chapter, presided, and reviewed the past year's work of the Red Cross in Macon county. With the help of various community groups, certain individuals scattered in different sections of the county, the Macon county chapter has distributed 2 carloads of flour, clothing to over 400 individuals, several hundred dollars worth of garden seeds, and yeast to 69 pellagra-stricken people of the county. The clothing was donated by various people, some contributing cloth or money which was used to buy material, which was made into clothing for the needy by the various ladies of the county.

At the Saturday's meeting, Miss Kelly asked the school teachers of each school community to organize a Red Cross chapter, this local organization to consist of a committee of 5, including a chairman and a secretary, with a teacher being secretary in each district. These local units should meet once a week if possible, and never less than once a month, and every community must have its local chapter to get any aid from the head chapter at Franklin, Miss Kelly stated. By organizing local units, a better study and knowledge of the particular community is known, thereby the head chapter at Franklin will be able to help where the need is the greatest, the speaker explained.

Miss Kelly charged each school teacher to see that the community had more help rendered than just the teaching in the classroom. She pointed out that teachers were only cut 10 per cent, while the people of the community were struggling to pay taxes to keep up the schools, who had to bear cuts in their work of from 50 to 100 per cent. Miss Kelly urged the teachers in each community to encourage canning and drying of food-stuffs for the coming winter.

More Flour Expected
The chairman announced that in the near future the Franklin chapter will have another carload of flour to distribute, also many yards of cloth, made from the cotton the government had bought up. This cloth, which will be several weaves, will be furnished only to the communities having local chapters which must be organized by August 1.

LEATHERMAN OFFICE ROBBED

Blood Hounds Fail to
Follow Trail; No Ar-
rests Made

The Post Office at Leatherman, 10 miles northeast of Franklin, was entered last Thursday evening about ten o'clock and several dollars in money taken. Sheriff A. B. Slagle and Deputy Sheriff George Mallonee, wired to Brevard for blood hounds, which arrived about three o'clock in the morning, but they failed to catch the man or men.

Oscar Rickman, postmaster and owner of the store, had been attending a revival meeting at Cowee Baptist church, on his return discovered the robbery. The thieves had tried to enter by boring holes through the door, and thereby remove the bolt which held the door. When this plan failed they entered by breaking through a window.

When the dogs arrived a hot trail was struck, which was followed for about one half of a mile, and at a cow pasture the trail was lost. The dogs were taken to the store the second time to have the same results, and even a third trial had the same result. No arrests have been made yet. It is not known whether the Federal authorities will help in the case or not. Some of the money taken was postage money.

'Ship Everything by Rail,' Recommends Railroad Continuance Committee

Hearing on Discontinuance Of 'T.F.' Railway Postponed

An order was passed by Judge Underwood at the United States District court of the North district of Georgia, Friday, July 22, at Gainesville, which will ultimately result in the discontinuance of the Tallulah Falls railroad, unless the citizens served by the road patronize it so that the revenue will substantially take care of the operating expenses.

J. F. Gray, receiver of the T. F. Railway, applied for permission to request the Interstate Commerce Commission to discontinue the operation of this railroad.

On recommendation of the counties affected by the order the Judge granted a postponement of 60 days before the order goes into effect. The following letter from M. D. Billings, chairman of the Macon county committee, states the situation at present and urges cooperation of the citizens:

Franklin, N. C.
July 25, 1932.

Editor of The Franklin Press:

Last Friday, July 22nd, a hearing before Federal Judge Underwood was held at Gainesville, Ga. where application was made by the Receiver of the Tallulah Falls Railway granting him permission to request the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to discontinue operation of this railroad. There were delegates from Habersham and Rabun counties, Georgia, Macon county, North

granting the request of the Receiver for a period of sixty days. During this time it will be necessary for the people of the three counties thru which this railroad runs to see what they can do toward providing traffic sufficient to at least pay the running expenses of the application. After hearing both sides, the Judge agreed to withhold the order pending a meeting of the citizens of Macon county is called at the court house here in Franklin next Saturday at ten o'clock. At this meeting it will be necessary to formulate plans, and work in connection with the people of Georgia, if the railroad is to be kept. This is one of the most serious matters with which the people of this section have been confronted in a long time. If we get together, stay together, and work together there is a possibility that the railroad may be operated in some way so as to meet the necessities of the county. But unless something can be done by a concerted action of the people to enable the railroad to at least pay running expenses it will only be a question of a very short time until railroad advantages of Franklin, Clayton, Clarksville and other towns on this line will be a thing of the past.

M. D. BILLINGS.

All Shippers and Consumers
Requested to Sign
Agreement

TRUCKS OPPOSED

Many Speakers Heard at
Tri-County Meeting
Held Monday

At a mass meeting of those seeking continued operation of the Tallulah Falls Railway between Cornelia, Ga., and Franklin, on Tuesday afternoon, July 26, held at Clayton, it was resolved that all shippers and consignees in the three counties served by the railroad Habersham, and Rabun, Georgia, and Macon, North Carolina, be asked to sign an agreement that all goods shipped by them and consigned to them be sent by the railroad.

Dr. J. A. Green, chairman, presided over the meeting at which more than a hundred representatives of the three counties were present. Mr. T. E. Stripling, president of the Habersham mills, reported that he pledged before Judge Underwood at the hearing last Friday that the mills would continue their shipping by rail and demand that all goods and supplies consigned to them be shipped by rail. He also stated that their mills have been receiving about 6,000 bales of cotton a year by truck, also many wholesale groceries and other supplies. They have ordered that hereafter all shipments except perishable goods be consigned by railway to their warehouses.

Col. Hamby stated that the Southern Railroad had fostered this line after Rabun and Macon counties had offered \$100,000 in bonds and cross-ties and stressed the need of these communities of the services of the railroad.

Need of Cooperation Emphasized
Gilmer Jones of Franklin emphasized the need of cooperation, not only of shippers and consignees but of consumers, as well. He pointed out the fact that the trucks were taking the business away from the railroad at the public's expense.

It was resolved that the committee of nine representing the counties affected, composed of Dr. J. A. Green, Dr. J. C. Dover, J. T. Davis of Rabun; L. Y. Irving, Frank E. Gabriels and John E. Frankum of Habersham; M. D. Billings, M. L. Dowdle and D. D. Rice of Macon, should continue to function as long as necessary to continue operation of the railroad. It was also resolved that as many signatures as possible be secured to the following agreement:

"In order to comply with the proviso set forth in the order of court passed on July 22, 1932, in this case, and thereby prevent an application by the Receiver in this case to the proper authorities for permission to abandon the operation of the Tallulah Falls Railway Company; and in order to secure a continuance of the operation thereof, the undersigned, each individually, hereby expressly agrees and contracts with the Receiver for said railroad, and his successors, that they will order all of his (Continued on page six)

MACON SINGING CONVENTION TO BE HELD SUNDAY

The Macon County Singing convention will be held in the courthouse at Franklin on July 31. The entire Sunday is to be taken for the singing, with the opening to begin at 10 a. m. There will be singing classes from all sections of the county and from at least half a dozen of the surrounding counties. Jim M. Raby, of Rabbit Creek, is president of the association.

Mr. Raby urges all classes who expect to sing Sunday, to turn in the name of the class to him Sunday morning before 10 o'clock. By doing this a program for the day can be arranged.

NEWS SUMMARY

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

HALF MILLION FOR SMOKIES

A total of \$509,000 of the \$3,000,000 appropriated to the national parks in the special relief fund will be expended in the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

Allot Extended Term Aid

Allotment of \$989,961 for extended school aid in 98 counties, was made by the equalization board, on Friday. The allotment is \$510,138 less than the legislative appropriation.

OPEN FEDERAL ROAD WORK

The state highway commission is this week starting road construction operations based on \$5,700,000 secured in federal relief road funds, with plans to put 5,000 men to work on a 30-hour week basis at \$2 per day minimum wage.

ORDER RAILROAD MER- GERS

Practically all eastern carriers were ordered on Friday by the interstate commerce commission to be consolidated into four great systems, but varied the merger plans of the carriers to leave the Delaware and Hudson, and the Seaboard independent roads, and barred the Pennsylvania from direct entry into New England. The Pennsylvania, the New York Central, the Baltimore and Ohio, and the Chesapeake and Ohio are the four great systems left in the east, exclusive of New England.

State Fire Loss Drops

Fire loss in North Carolina in the first six months of the year was \$3,346,315, with a June loss of \$470,199 from 156 fires. The first half of 1931 showed a fire loss of \$3,359,380.

\$70,000 Sought For Nantahala Forest Work

An estimate on roads and trails costing \$70,000 to be added to the extensive system in Nantahala National forest has been sent to Washington for consideration in the distribution of \$16,000,000 for national forests and park projects from the funds provided by the relief bill signed recently by President Hoover, Superintendent John B. Byrne, of Franklin, announced recently.

The estimate for the Nantahala forest, added to requests for \$25,000 for the Bent Creek station of the Appalachian Forest Experiment station, and \$70,000 for roads and trails in Pisgah National forest, makes a total of \$165,000 worth of projects for forests in this section, all of which have been sent to Washington for consideration. A request for \$5,000 additional for fire control in the Nantahala forest was included in the estimate for that area, making a total of \$75,000 asked for, according to Superintendent Byrne.

Much of the roads and trails scheduled to be constructed in the

Nantahala area will be placed in sections of the forest in Western North Carolina, including Macon county, where some of the most beautiful sections are located.

The set-up for the Nantahala forest is tentative, being submitted for consideration when the \$16,000,000 is apportioned to the various national parks and forests. About 300 miles of trail and 95 miles of roads have already been built in this forest, which has at present a maintenance crew of 10 men, in addition to the staff of full-time men such as rangers.

The estimate for Pisgah National forest is for roads and trails alone, according to Mr. Mattoon, and does not include any funds that might be appropriated for buildings, fire control and other operations and improvements.

The estimate for the Bent Creek station has as its primary project the building of two or perhaps three structures at the forest plant there. The employment of as many men in this section as possible is also a major objective, according to E. H. Frothingham, director.