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PLAN JULY 4 CELEBRATION

Legion Post To Sponsor Big, Free All-Day Program

PARADE IS PLANNED

Senator Robert R. Reynolds To Be Invited To Make Address

A big free all-day Fourth of July celebration, including a parade and a public address by some prominent speaker, probably Senator Robert R. Reynolds, is being planned for Franklin by the Macon county post of the American Legion.

G. L. Houk is chairman of a committee on arrangements for the celebration named at the last meeting of the legion post. Other members of the committee are A. R. Higdon, in charge of concessions and financial arrangements; C. Tom Bryson, in charge of free entertainment and athletic events; J. Frank Ray and Tom Moss.

Plans Discussed

Preliminary plans for the celebration were discussed at a meeting of this committee Wednesday afternoon.

Prizes probably will be offered, according to Mr. Houk, for the best floats appearing in the parade, in which various organizations will be invited to participate. The parade has been tentatively set for 10 o'clock in the morning, with the public speaking to follow at 11 o'clock. In event the committee is unable to obtain Senator Reynolds as a speaker, it plans to invite some other man prominent in public life.

Other Entertainment

Besides the parade and public speaking, it is also planned to have various other entertainment features, including a greasy pole contest, a greased pig race and various athletic contests for boys and girls. In the evening a play is to be presented by the young people of the Presbyterian church for the benefit of the church.

Detailed arrangements for the celebration are to be discussed at a meeting of the legion Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the courthouse. All members of the Macon county post, and also any ex-service men desiring to join, are requested to be present.

Well's Grove

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baker left last Monday for their home in Pompano, Fla., after spending a week here with Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Addie Phillips.

Edna Snyder returned home Sunday after spending the last five months in Pompano, Fla., with her aunt, Mrs. W. H. McNab.

The Rev. J. O. Nix filled his regular appointment at Well's Grove church Saturday night and Sunday. He was accompanied on this trip by Mrs. Nix and little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Culver, Mildred Snyder and Mae Jennings spent Sunday in Highlands with Mrs. Culver's daughter, Louise.

Mrs. Addie Phillips is going to make her home with her son, W. H. Phillips, for a while as Frank Phillips and family are going to move to Brevard, where he has a job.

A big crowd of young folks from Clarke's Chapel and Well's Grove went to Asheville Sunday on a pleasure trip.

Dave Angel spent the week-end with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phillips spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Strain.

Baseball

Standing of clubs in the Macon County league:

	Won	Lost	
West End	3	1	750
Cowee	3	1	750
Highlands	2	2	500
Holly Springs	1	3	250

Games played Saturday, June 16:
Cowee defeated West End, 8 to 4.
Highlands defeated Holly Springs, 15 to 9.

Old Bertha Busts, Causing Press To Appear Belatedly

Groaning with age after what must have been more than half a century of service, Old Bertha bumped, banged, balked and busted. That is why this week's issue of The Press-Maconian appears belatedly.

Who is Old Bertha? Certainly every reader of this newspaper should have known her. A noble though decrepit daughter of R. Hoe and company, she was the press which printed Macon County's favorite newspaper for more than a quarter of a century.

No one knows just how old Old Bertha was. She was brought to Franklin in 1906, the year before the railroad reached town, by the late W. A. Curtis, then publisher and editor of this newspaper. It was the first cylinder press Franklin ever saw and she was quite a fancy fangle for that day and

time. Hitherto The Franklin Press had been printed on a primitive Washington hand press.

But Bertha was no flapper when she came here. She already had seen quite a few years of service—how many, no one knows—but she could kick up her heels as high as any chit of a girl, for she had undergone a rejuvenation process and had her face lifted.

Who knows but maybe she can be revived again; but it appears doubtful. Her running gear is all out of time and there is a crack in her side.

Alas, she has earned a rest. But editors never get any; the paper must come out.

Thanks to the courtesy of Mr. L. P. Cross, publisher of The Clayton Tribune, this one won't miss an issue, albeit this week's is two days tardy.

Commission Named To Seek Adjustment of Farm Debts

RALEIGH, N. C., June 20.—Under the direction of the North Carolina Farm Debt Adjustment commission a corps of five workers will be organized in each county at once to effect agreements between farmers and their creditors, thereby clearing the way for refinancing farm debts through the Federal Land bank of Columbia and relieving a situation that heavily oppresses many farmers of this state.

The commission named by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus to head up the work in this state is familiar with the plight of the mortgage-burdened farmer and of his creditor. Lionel Weil, of Greensboro, elected chairman at its initial meeting, is a farmer and a merchant. Former Lieutenant Governor R. A. Doughton, of Sparta, vice chairman, is a lawyer and farmer. Other members of the commission are J. L. Skinner, of Littleton, president of the County Commissioners association; Millard F. Jones of Rocky Mount, president of the State Bankers association; H. A. Millis, of High Point, manufacturer; Julian Price, of Greensboro, insurance company executive; M. O. Blount, of Method; and J. Allen Taylor, of Wilmington.

Forster Directing Work

Dr. G. W. Forster, state college agricultural economist, has been named as secretary of the commission. He will begin at once to assemble the corps of workers need-

ed for each county to carry on the work. These workers will be asked to serve without pay in bringing together debtors and creditors.

Since Federal land bank loans are made for only 50 per cent of the appraised value of farms and loans of the land bank commissioner for only 75 per cent, there are many instances where these loans cannot be large enough to retire all outstanding mortgages. The workers will seek to secure agreements between debtors and creditors that will enable farmers to retire mortgages with the amount of the loan.

Benefits Expected

Benefits expected to accrue from the adjustment of farm debts are: (1) The retention of their land by the present owners; (2) the maintenance of good family life; (3) an increase in the circulation of money in the state and (4) creation of a better spirit between creditor and debtor classes.

A state-wide campaign will be conducted to acquaint the farmers and their creditors with the purposes and benefits of the debt adjustment plan.

According to W. Kerr Scott, former master of the State Grange and now a representative of the Farm Credit Administration, who is developing the work of the debt adjustment commissions, around 20 or 30 per cent of the total outstanding mortgage indebtedness in North Carolina is subject to the work of the Farm Debt Adjustment commission.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. SHEFFIELD

Funeral for West's Mill Woman Held at Snow Hill Church

Funeral services were held for Mrs. W. C. Sheffield, 53, at the Snow Hill Methodist church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. She died at her home near West's Mill Friday morning about 2:30 o'clock following a long illness.

The Rev. H. C. Freeman of Clyde, Methodist minister and former pastor of the Snow Hill church, was in charge of the services.

The pallbearers were six sons: Troy, Carlyle, Grover, Weaver, Vernon and Harold.

Surviving are her husband, five daughters, eight sons, one brother and four sisters. The daughters are: Mrs. Everett Rickman, Mrs. Hugh Cathey and Mrs. Jay Welch, all of Woodrow; Mrs. Terrel Bryson and Mrs. Grady Reno, of Detroit, Mich. The sons are: Troy, of Rainbow Springs; Carlyle, of Canton; Grover, Weaver, Vernon, Harold, Billy and Edward all at home. The brother is W. A. Jenkins, of San Antonio, Tex., and the sisters are: Mrs. Jud Hurst, Mrs. Baxter Elmore, and Mrs. John Ray, all of West's Mill; and Mrs. John Hurst, of Detroit.

Mrs. Sheffield was for many years a member of the Snow Hill Methodist church, and until her illness was one of the most active members of the church.

Young Republicans Organize Club

The second meeting of the Young Republican Junior club will be held in the Higdonville schoolhouse Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The first meeting was held at the Higdonville schoolhouse Friday night, June 15, at which time some of the plans were worked out for the formation of the Macon countywide organization.

At the first meeting the following men were appointed to select officers for the club: Leslie Higdon, chairman, John Corbin, Wilford Thompson, Charlie Crawford, Bill Higdon, and Will Teem. This committee will name the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer at the second meeting.

Ictla Young Democrats Elect Officers

At the organization meeting of the Ictla Young People's Democratic club held Saturday evening at the Ictla school building, the following officers were elected:

Wade H. Moody, chairman; Miss Eula Fouts, vice chairman; and Calvin Roland, secretary-treasurer. The following members of the program committee were appointed: Lester Campbell, Mrs. Maude Moody, Mrs. Florence Morrison, Vance Fouts and Dorth Bennett.

The club plans to meet every two weeks on Saturday evening at the schoolhouse. The next meeting will be held Saturday evening, June 30, at 8 o'clock.

A Self-Starter

"My wife is very irritable; the least thing sets her off."
"You're lucky at that, mine's a self-starter."—Answers.

Rural Schools To Open on August 6

M. D. Billings, Macon county school superintendent, has announced that the rural schools of Macon county will begin the 1934-'35 term on Monday, August 6. The Highlands and Franklin high schools will begin Monday, September 3.

There are 44 schools in Macon county this year, one less than last year. The Tellico school has been consolidated with the Oak Grove school and the children will be hauled from Tellico to Oak Grove on busses.

MR. HINES DIES AT HIGHLANDS

Former Mayor Succumbs After Illness of Eight Months

James Alexander Hines, Sr., 73, former mayor of Highlands, died at his home in Highlands at 2:44 o'clock Tuesday afternoon after an illness of eight months.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at noon Wednesday, pending the arrival of friends. It was not decided whether burial would be at Highlands or at Faison, his former home.

Mr. Hines was married in 1910 to Miss Bessie Hinson, of Faison, and in 1912 they moved to Highlands. Entering into the life of the community, Mr. Hines soon became one of Highlands' most prominent citizens. He served the town as mayor for two years and as postmaster for eight years. Until ill health forced his retirement last year he was in the garage business.

Mr. Hines was a Mason and a member of the Episcopal church. For some years before his death he was senior warden of the Church of the Incarnation at Highlands. Surviving Mr. Hines are his widow and four children, the Misses Sarah Hicks and Bessie Hinson Hines, James Alexander Hines, Jr., and Miss Nancy Elizabeth Hines, all of Highlands; two sisters, Mrs. A. H. Herring, of Clinton, N. C., and Mrs. P. Heinsberger, of Wilmington, N. C., and two brothers, W. Thompson Hines and Isham H. Hines, both of Faison, N. C.

J. L. SANDERS TO OPPOSE RAY

Selected by Republicans As Candidate for Legislature

Meeting Saturday afternoon, the Macon county Republican executive committee selected Jesse L. Sanders, former school teacher of the Skenah section, as the party's nominee or representative in the legislature. His Democratic opponent is J. Frank Ray, who was nominated in the primary June 2.

This was the second substitution made by the executive committee since the Republican county convention was held about two months ago. At the convention the Rev. George Cloer was nominated for representative; but he declined to run. The executive committee then substituted the name of R. A. Henry, Franklin police chief, until after the primary.

New Manager Named for Highlands Depository

Albert H. LeRoy has begun his duties as manager of the newly established Highlands depository of the Jackson County Bank of Sylva. Mr. LeRoy succeeds K. T. Carpenter, who has accepted a position with the Home Owners' Loan corporation at Salisbury. Mr. LeRoy has had experience in banking in McCormick, S. C., and in Florida.

NRA HAS BIRTHDAY

The NRA celebrated its first birthday Saturday, as did its twin, the PWA. Together these two great recovery organizations have spent or allocated \$3,300,010,000 and re-employed 5,000,000 persons in the past year. The anniversary found NRA attempting to smooth out conflicts between labor and capital which constantly threaten to spin the United States into the worst strike epidemic in its history.

FRANKLIN POOL TO OPEN JULY 1

Finishing Touches on New Municipal Tank Now Under Way

WATER IS TURNED IN Swim Basin One of Finest In State; Measures 65 by 100 Feet

With finishing touches now under way, Franklin's municipal swimming pool, one of the finest in North Carolina, is expected to be ready for formal opening to the public on or about July 1.

The pool, situated in a sylvan dell back of Camp Nickwasi on the golf course property, is a beautiful concrete tank, 65 by 100 feet with a depth graduating from three feet at one end to 10 feet at the other. There is also a wading pool, 20 by 65 feet, for children.

Bath House Built

A modern bath house, which includes a canteen as well as dressing rooms, has been built near the pool. All persons entering the pool will be required to take a shower bath and to walk through an antiseptic foot bath.

A concrete walk surrounds the pool with a narrow strip of sand beach to one side and the whole is enclosed by wire fencing. Nearby two tennis courts are now under construction and about 50 yards distant is the first tee of the golf course.

Work on the municipal recreation center, which was turned over to the town by the Franklin Recreational company under a ten-year quit claim deed, was started last winter under a CWA project. The golf course was rearranged, several new links constructed and work started on the swimming pool. The work was about half finished when the CWA program was abruptly ended late in the spring. However, approval for completion of the project with federal emergency relief labor was obtained and the work was resumed. Construction of the swimming tank itself has been finished and it is now in process of being filled with water preparatory to opening. The bath house is nearly finished and only a few days work remains to be done—cleaning up, painting, erection of a diving tower and some minor grading. It will be several weeks, however, before the new tennis courts will be ready for play.

Fees Set

Operation of the recreation center will be under the supervision of a committee appointed by the town council. Members of the committee are R. D. Sisk, G. A. Jones, C. T. Bryson, Steve Porter, J. E. Perry and G. L. Houk.

Fees for use of the pool and also for golfing were set by the committee Wednesday and announced as follows:

Swimming:—Adults, 25 cents; 12 tickets for \$2.50, or 40 tickets for \$5.00; children under 14 years of age, 15 cents; 10 tickets \$1.00; wading pool, five cents each admission. Tickets are transferable only within one's immediate family.

Golf fees:—One day, 75 cents; half a day, 50 cents; year's membership, \$15.00.

Fees for use of the tennis courts have not been set.

Returns from Eastern Star Convention

Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, of Franklin, was appointed deputy grand matron of the 12th district, embracing the extreme western counties of the state, of the Order of the Eastern Star at the annual meeting of the North Carolina grand chapter in Greensboro last week.

The appointment was made by Mrs. Clyde P. Fitzgerald, of Raleigh, who was elected worthy grand matron for the state.

Mrs. Franks returned from the convention Friday of last week. One of the features of the meeting, she said, was a memorial service in which tribute was paid to the late Dr. S. H. Lyle, of Franklin, prominent Mason.