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MACON TO SEND 400 TO ATTEND ERE EXERCISES

John Emory, 76, To Take Part in Speaking Contest

A delegation of nearly 400 students and teachers of emergency relief classes in Macon county is expected to attend district ERE commencement exercises in Asheville Saturday. The group will meet at 6 o'clock Saturday morning at the courthouse, where school buses and private automobiles will be assembled to provide transportation. At Canton the Macon county delegation will be met by groups from other counties and a motorcade will be formed before proceeding to Asheville.

ERE classes which have been under way for several months in nearly all sections of the county closed today. A total of 1,079 white boys and girls, men and women, and 75 negroes have been enrolled in the classes. Instructions has been furnished by 28 white teachers and one negro teacher.

121 To Get Certificates

One hundred and twenty-one of the students, it was announced at the county ERE office, are to receive diplomas at the exercises in Asheville.

One of the features of the commencement program will be a speaking contest, in which this county will be represented by John Emory, 76-year-old resident of the Burningtown community. Mr. Emory was the winner in a county elimination contest held in the courthouse Saturday afternoon. The other contestants, who had won community contests held previously, were Elbert Gibson, of Highlands, and Marshall Burnett of Scaly. The judges were M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools; Harley R. Cabe, clerk of court; and C. T. Bryson, register of deeds. The subject upon which the contestants had been asked to speak was: "What the ERE Has Done for Me."

Now He Can Read

Mr. Emory, possessed of a simple eloquence, told the audience that until three months ago he could neither read nor write.

"But now, he added, I can sign my name, write a little and enjoy reading my Bible."

Barbecue

To Be Held Saturday at Camp Nikwasi

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Valentine, who have taken over the operation of the Franklin golf course and Camp Nikwasi for the summer, have announced that they will give a barbecue and dance at the camp at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night.

The Valentines have been operating the golf course, swimming pool and tennis courts for several weeks, but Camp Nikwasi will not be formally opened until Saturday. Admission will be charged for the barbecue, but the dance will be free.

Since taking charge of the recreational center, Mr. Valentine has made a number of improvements. The golf course has been worked over and mowed, the tennis courts scraped and rolled and the swimming pool cleaned and filled. Although the weather has been cool, a number of bathers have been using the pool. A score or more of sports lovers can be found at the recreational center almost any afternoon, golfing, swimming or playing tennis. With the coming of summer much larger crowds are expected.

Young at 80

Mrs. Mann Says Work Is Cure for Old Age

Work is the means of staying young, according to Mrs. S. M. Mann, of Tiger, Ga.

When Mrs. Mann, formerly a resident of this county, visited The Franklin Press office Wednesday to renew her subscription for the 28th year the editor was surprised to learn that she was 80 years old. She didn't look a day over 60.

"Yes, I am 80 years old," she commented. "When I reached 60 I thought I was old and when I was 70 I thought I was very, very old. But now that I am 80 I am growing young again. When the banks failed several years ago I lost so much I had to go back to work again. And working has made me feel younger."

Mrs. Mann first subscribed to The Franklin Press on May 30—Memorial Day—in 1907. Each year since then, with one exception—when her husband was dying—she has personally renewed her subscription, either on May 29 or 30.

"I couldn't get along without The Press," she commented Wednesday. "I look for it every week. It's just like a letter from home."

MICA COMPANY TO MOVE PLANT

Rice Confirms Reports of Abandoning Macon Mine and Mill

Reports that the Southern Mica company planned to abandon its mica mine and grinding plant four miles north of Franklin on highway 286 and establish a new plant at Johnson City, Tenn., were confirmed this week by D. D. Rice, president and manager of the company.

Mr. Rice said the mine had been exhausted and that it would be impractical and uneconomical to haul mica from other mines to the present plant and then, after the mineral had been processed, to haul it to the railroad in Franklin. He added that he had considered moving the plant to a site on the railroad in Franklin but, after studying the matter, had decided this would be inadvisable on account of uncertainty of continued operation of the Tallulah Falls railroad.

Mr. Rice recently visited Johnson City, which is about 60-odd miles from the mica producing area around Spruce Pine, N. C., and inspected prospective plant sites, investigated freight rates, electric power rates and other factors. After a careful examination of conditions there and here, he stated, he decided to discontinue the Macon county plant during the summer or early fall.

Mr. Rice plans to remove his family to Johnson City. His father, John E. Rice, has not announced whether he will continue his residence here.

The Southern Mica company has been operating the mine and mill at the Iotla bridge for the past 12 years. It specializes in dry ground mica, used in various wall and roof surfacing preparations, in the manufacture of rubber, insulation materials and a number of other industrial products. It has been one of the county's largest industrial enterprises, has maintained a considerable payroll and has been one of the largest shippers of the Tallulah Falls railroad.

Ray Moves Law Office To Ashear Building

J. Frank Ray, Macon county representative in the general assembly and a member of the local bar, has moved his office from the Pendergrass building to the Ashear building.

Attractions of Franklin As Summer Resort Praised

Franklin received some valuable publicity in the "Summer Vacation Edition" of the Albany (Ga.) Herald issued on May 23. The attractions of this community as a summer resort are described in an article, by John Davis, business manager of the newspaper, who spends his vacation each summer at The Franklin Terrace.

The article reviews a number of motor trips from Albany, listing Franklin as a favored destination in the mountains.

"If one loves the mountains, the harmonies of their colorings and the symmetries of their contours," Mr. Davis writes, "a drive to Franklin, N. C., a distance of 326 miles, takes one into the heart of one of the most beautiful mountain sections in 'The Land of the Sky.'"

Praises Climate

"For many years Franklin has been a favorite mountain resort with many Albany people, not only on account of its beautiful setting, and its delightful summer climate, but because of its charming and

inexpensive hotel, the Franklin Terrace, operated by the Willisises who have so many friends in this city.

"Using Franklin as a base, there are scores of easy trips over finely paved roads that wind through some of the grandest mountain scenery of America. Asheville is only 72 miles away. Highlands is but a short drive. Beyond Highlands is the drive through Cashier's Valley to High Hampton. For scenic beauty I place this drive at the head of the list of any that I have ever enjoyed.

"There is an important Indian Reservation within easy driving distance of Franklin. Here the government maintains a well-equipped school for Indians and one will find a visit to this reservation both interesting and informative.

Near Smokies

"For those who are interested in the government's new park projects, the Great Smokie Mountains National Park affords a delightful one

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Highlands Man Arrested After Fatal Auto Crash

2 NEW CAMPS BEING ERECTED

Work Is Well Under Way At West's Mill and Coweta

Work is well under way on two new CCC camps in Macon county—one at West's Mill, which is nearing completion, and one at the Coweta Experiment station on which construction was started last week.

This will bring the number of CCC camps in the county to five, and when enrollment for the new camps is completed there will be approximately 1,000 men in the five camps. Camps already established are F-9 at Franklin, F-19 in Horse Cove, near Highlands, and F-10 at Aquone.

Enrollment of men under the enlarged CCC quota is to start June 15 and continue through August. The enrollees are expected to arrive at the two new camps in this county about the first of July.

It was announced at the offices of the Nantahala National Forest this week that Camp F-12 on Buck Creek, just across the Macon county line in Clay county, would be reestablished on account of new forest work in that vicinity.

Local Labor

Being Used on Franklin Federal Building

Work on Franklin's \$100,000 federal building, which will house the postoffice and the headquarters of the Nantahala National Forest, was progressing rapidly this week under the supervision of W. S. Gallimore.

Operations on the project got under way Thursday of last week and today excavation work had been completed and preparations were being made to commence pouring concrete for the foundations. Ten men were at work on the job, all of them employed locally with the exception of a pipe fitter.

Mr. Gallimore said local labor, both common and skilled, would be used as far as possible.

The building contract was awarded to L. B. Gallimore, contractor of Greensboro, N. C. He is the son of W. S. Gallimore, who is supervising the job here.

Mr. Gallimore said he expected to complete the building by January 1.

Paul Jones, 18, Is Dead; Ernest Crunkleton Under Bond

Ernest Crunkleton, of Highlands, a forest service employe, was arrested by Sheriff A. B. Slagle Tuesday afternoon at the CCC camp at Topton on a technical charge of murder growing out of the fatal injury of Paul Jones, 18, in an automobile collision near his home at Kyle Saturday afternoon.

Crunkleton was released under \$500 bond pending a magistrate's hearing in Franklin at 2 p. m. Monday, June 10.

The collision occurred on a curve in the Nantahala forest road near Kyle. Crunkleton, unaccompanied, was driving one car. Jones was driving another machine and with him were his brother, Wayne Jones, and Eckel Roland. Wayne was slightly injured, but Roland and Crunkleton were uninjured.

Paul Jones was brought to Angel hospital in Franklin unconscious. It was found that his skull was fractured. He died at 11:45 o'clock Monday night.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Briartown Baptist church with the Rev. Philip Passmore officiating.

Surviving young Jones are his father, John W. Jones, two brothers, Wayne and Ralph, of Kyle; and five sisters, Mrs. James Coleman, of Bessemer City, N. C.; Mrs. Harrison Hicks and Miss Grace Jones, of Charleston, W. Va.; and Mrs. Ralph Wood and Miss Ora Jones, of Kyle.

Weimar Steuman Reported Recovering

Weimar Steuman, of the Watauga section, whose back was reported broken in a fall in a mica mine two weeks ago, was reported this week to be recovering as well as could be expected. He is in a hospital at Sylva.

Stewards of Franklin Circuit To Meet

R. L. Poindexter, charge lay leader of the Franklin circuit, has called a meeting of the stewards of the charge for 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of the pastor, the Rev. B. W. Lefler. Mr. Poindexter said important matters were to be discussed and he urged that all stewards of the charge attend.

EXPANSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORK PROPOSED

County Offered \$3,700 if It Will Put Up \$1,500

A proposal that Macon county put up \$1,500 a year, to which will be added \$3,700 from other sources, for expansion of its public health activities, will be laid before the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting next Monday. The plan was outlined Wednesday at a meeting of the county board of health by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, secretary of the state board of health.

If the proposal is accepted, the county will be given the benefit of a full time county nurse, a full time sanitary inspector, 12 to 20 weeks public school dental service each year, countywide vaccinations for typhoid fever, small pox and other communicable diseases,—all under the supervision of a district health officer and an assistant who will serve three other counties in addition to Macon.

District Proposed

Haywood, Jackson and Swain counties are now receiving public health service of this scope. It is proposed that Macon join with them in forming a four-county public health district. To take advantage of the offer, the county is required to appropriate \$1,500 a year and supply office space free of charge for county public health headquarters.

If this proposal is accepted, Dr. Reynolds told the county board of health, the state will add \$1,200 to the county's appropriation and the Tennessee Valley Authority or the United States Public Health Service will supply an additional \$2,500, making available a total sum of \$5,200 for the county's public health program.

Members of the county board of health are Ed B. Byrd, who as chairman of the county commissioners is also chairman of the board of health; M. D. Billings, secretary; Mayor George Patton of Franklin, Dr. N. G. Williams, Dr. H. T. Horsley and Dr. J. L. West.

In addition to Dr. Reynolds, two other state public health officials appeared before the county board of health Wednesday in the interest of the proposed expansion of the county's public health program. They were Dr. R. E. Fox, director of county health work, and Mr. Floyd, district sanitary inspector.

Favor Proposal

The proposal outlined at the meeting of the county board of health will be transmitted Monday to the county commissioners by Mr. Billings. It will be up to the commissioners to decide upon the appropriation of the requisite \$1,500 a year.

After Wednesday's meeting Mr. Billings and Mr. Byrd expressed opinions that the county sorely needed a broader public health service and that the proposal submitted by the state board was "too good to turn down."

Mr. Byrd pointed out that acceptance of the offer would entail an additional outlay by the county of only \$600, explaining that the county is already obligated to appropriate about \$900 a year for vaccination work.

Mr. Billings said acceptance of the offer would pave the way for expenditure of approximately \$20,000 in relief funds on various sanitation projects in the county, including modernization of privies.

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