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2 SCOUTS WIN EAGLE BADGES

Andrew Jones and Chas. Slagle Given Coveted Awards

Eagle scout badges, the highest award in scouting, were presented to two Franklin boys, Andrew Jones and Charles Slagle, at the Smoky Mountains district court of honor held Monday night in the Presbyterian church.

The awards were impressively made by George B. Patton, mayor of Franklin, who presented the badges to the mothers of the boys, Mrs. G. A. Jones and Mrs. A. B. Slagle, who then pinned coveted awards on their sons.

Large Audience Present

The audience at the court of honor filled the church auditorium. A number of other awards also were made, consisting of promotions and the presentation of merit badges.

The court of honor was opened with an invocation by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, of Franklin, a flag ceremony and the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Members of the Franklin troop then gave a sketch of scouting, outlining the requirements of the six scout ranks.

A. M. Adams, of Cherokee, presided over the court of honor. Seven boys were inducted as tenderfoot scouts by A. W. Allen, of Asheville, scout executive of the Daniel Boone council, which includes the Smoky Mountains district; eight boys were promoted to second class scouts, the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., making the awards; two scouts were promoted to the rank of first class, the awards being made by Dr. W. E. Furr; and 27 merit badges were presented by the Rev. Mr. Flanagan.

Win Promotions

Franklin scouts promoted at the court of honor were Clyde Johnson, Alex Moore, Jr., and Glen Tallent, tenderfoot scouts; John Andrew Setser, second class; Lyman Higdon, first class. Twenty-one merit badges were awarded to Andrew Jones, Charles Hunnicutt, Charles Palmer, J. C. Cunningham, Julian Poliakov, Harry Higgins, Charles Slagle, Willie Bryant, Harold Roper and Eugene Furr.

Delegations were present at the court of honor from Bryson City and Sylva, as well as from Franklin. Scouts from Cherokee and Cullowhee were unable to attend on account of the weather.

The Franklin scout troop is planning to celebrate next month the anniversary of its establishment.

The March meeting of the court of honor is scheduled to be held on the fourth Monday of the month at Bryson City.

Dr. J. M. May Is Patient In Angel Hospital

Dr. J. M. May, Hayesville physician, is in Angel hospital undergoing treatment for a stomach disorder. His condition is good, Dr. Furman Angel reported today, but an operation will be necessary.

Franklin Boys Win Scout Honors



ANDREW JONES



CHARLES SLAGLE

—Courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times

Meeting Called To Form Trade Body at Highlands

WAYAH TO HAVE STONE LOOKOUT

Forest Supervisor Plans Improvements on Mountain Top

Due to the increasing popularity of Macon county's majestic Wayah Bald as a point for mountain sight-seeing, a new stone observatory is to be erected there this spring, it was announced this week by Philip H. Bryan, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest.

The stone observatory, replacing a 30-foot wooden lookout tower, will have an enclosed platform, in which a panoramic map will be placed so that the many points of interest viewed from the tower may be readily identified.

This project, Mr. Bryan said, will be part of the recreational development program undertaken by the forest service with labor from CCC camps.

Commands Fine Views

Wayah Bald commands one of the best views obtainable of the Great Smoky Mountains and the valley of the Little Tennessee river. An excellent forest service road, connecting with state highway No. 28, winds to the summit of the mountain, more than 5,300 feet in elevation.

Thrilling vistas of mountains, valley and towns may be had from almost every turn of the road. From the top of the mountain one can see three states besides North Carolina—South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. Among the more widely known mountain peaks which can be seen on clear days are Clingman's Dome, Siler's Bald, Mt. Kephart, Mt. LeConte, in the Smokies, Whiteside Mountain, Standing Indian and Rabun Bald in the Blue Ridge and Nantahala ranges. Below Franklin nestles sublimely in the valley with the Little Tennessee meandering through fertile fields and woodlands, forming here and there great horseshoe curves.

Thousands of people from every part of the country visit Wayah Bald each year to view and to photograph the vistas it affords.

J. L. Young Employed By Farm Federation

J. L. Young, well known Macon county farmer and poultry dealer, has been employed by the Farmers Federation, Inc., it was announced this week by Lawrence Ramsey, manager of the federation's Franklin store and warehouse.

Mr. Young will work outside of the store most of the time, Mr. Ramsey said, his duties being concerned principally with the buying and marketing of poultry and produce for the federation.

Plans for New Chamber Of Commerce To Be Discussed

BY MRS. T. C. HARBISON
(Special to The Press Maconian)

HIGHLANDS, Feb. 19—Plans for re-establishment of a chamber of commerce in Highlands will be discussed at a meeting called for 7:30 p. m. Thursday, February 27. All interested residents, especially the business men and women of the town, are urged to attend the meeting, which will be in the town office.

Notices of the meeting are being sent out by the Rev. Frank Bloxham, rector of the Episcopal church, who has taken an active interest in civic affairs of Highlands since his residence was changed from Franklin to Highlands last autumn. Mr. Bloxham has recently been obtaining information relative to the organization of a chamber of commerce from similar trade bodies in other communities.

Many Inquiries Received

Incidentally, it has been noted that this meeting is being called almost exactly five years after another meeting, which was held on Feb. 25, 1931, at which the no longer existing chamber of commerce was established. Since the time when this former chamber of commerce ceased to function, letters requesting information about Highlands have been referred to the town office for attention. Last year over 200 such letters were answered through the town office during the tourist season, and a number of others were passed on to various individuals for attention. The states from which these letters were received indicates that Highlands is known over a wide territory. Most of the letters were from Florida, but inquiries in varying number were received from North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Virginia, West Virginia, Arizona and the New England states.

Highlands is primarily a resort town, and with this constantly increasing number of requests as to what Highlands has to offer, (at least half a dozen have been received since the New Year) it must be realized that we as civic minded citizens and business men and women must form an organized cooperative body, and attempt to make and put into operation various civic plans in time for the coming tourist season. We also need in some way, to insure the life of the body once it is organized.

Legion Supper Postponed Indefinitely

An oyster supper planned for ex-service men of Macon county at the Scott Griffin hotel Saturday night has been indefinitely postponed, it was announced today by G. A. Jones, commander of the Macon county post of the American Legion.

Mr. Jones said the postponement was made necessary on account of the fact that Burgin Pennell, of Asheville, state vice commander of the legion, had cancelled his acceptance of an invitation to address the war veterans at the supper.

Although the supper has been postponed, Mr. Jones said the legion post would hold its regular meeting in the legion hall at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night.

FOOD SUPPLIED THOSE IN NEED

Distribution of Commodities Handled by Welfare Office

A statement issued this week by Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, Macon county welfare superintendent, announced that distribution of food to needy families of the county, which was discontinued when the emergency relief office closed in the fall, had been resumed under the direction of the welfare office.

The statement also announced the appointment of a director of applications to work in conjunction with the welfare office, whose duty it will be to investigate the eligibility of applicants for work on federal works projects.

Mrs. Franks' statement follows: "Distribution of commodities to the needy by the Macon county welfare department began last week. Macon county was the first of the one hundred counties of North Carolina to deliver the food to clients.

"Meat, flour, dried milk, and prunes are among the foods that are being distributed to those who are on relief.

"Miss Mary E. Quinlan, of Waynesville, N. C., formerly with the ERA office in that city, has been appointed by Mrs. W. T. Bost as director of applications here.

Work Is Limited

"Although the impression is quite general that with the opening of these certifying agencies in the county welfare departments all unemployed people can be certified and immediately assigned to work, (Continued on Page Eight)

Juniors

To Hold District Meeting Here Friday

Representatives of the 11 councils of District No. 1 of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics are expected to come to Franklin for district initiation exercises to be held in the hall of Cullasaja council starting at 7:30 o'clock Friday night.

The meeting was called by C. W. Snyder, Jr., field secretary for the order, who said this will be one of a series of Washington's birthday initiations being held simultaneously throughout the state.

A feature of the meeting will be an address by radio by Monroe Adams, of Statesville, state councilor, at 10:30 p. m. from station WBT at Charlotte.

Dr. W. P. McGuire, of Sylva, is deputy state councilor for the first district, which embraces Clay, Graham, Jackson and Macon counties. There are 543 members in the 11 councils of the district.

LOST IN WOODS, WOMAN FREEZES

Dies of Cold on Mountain; Daughter Recovering in Hospital

Mrs. John Parker, about 55, of Rabun county, Georgia, and her 16-year-old daughter, Minnie, lost their way while trying to cross the Nantahala mountains on foot Monday night. Next morning workers from the Coweta forest experiment station, in the southern part of Macon county, found the two women huddled together under a tarpaulin lean-to left in the woods by CCC boys. The elder woman, frozen as rigid as a board, was dead and her daughter was unconscious, her hands and feet badly frozen.

The girl was still unconscious when brought to Angel Hospital in Franklin several hours later; but she responded to treatment and is expected to recover. She remained unconscious for 20 hours, Dr. Furman Angel reported. He said gangrene was likely to develop in some of her toes; but said otherwise her condition was good.

The body of the mother was brought to Franklin and relatives were notified. The funeral was held Wednesday at the Cartoogechay Baptist church.

Scantly Clad

The story of the women's suffering was pieced together Wednesday. They had set out Monday from their home on Betty's creek, just across the line in Georgia, to carry food to Mr. Parker, who was hunting stock in the vicinity of Standing Indian mountain in the Nantahala range. It was not extremely cold when they left home and they wore only sweaters in addition to their customary clothing.

They lost their way during the day and became drenched in the rain. Several miles above the Coweta experiment station they inquired directions of Tom Shope as to how to reach Wallace Gap. Mr. Shope put them on the right trail and gave them directions to their destination, a distance of about 12 miles from their home. Overtaken by night the women lost their way. They stumbled upon the canvas lean-to and, exhausted from hours of wandering, they took refuge under it. Early Tuesday morning the temperature dropped precipitately and the women lapsed into unconsciousness before realizing their extreme danger.

The spot where the women were found is Reynolds Cove, a rugged, isolated section of the mountains about four miles of the experiment station, which is 4 miles off highway 285 and about 12 miles southwest of Franklin. The women had made about half the distance of their trip, but they had traveled over far more ground. Being without matches, they could not start a fire.

The experiment station workers who found the women notified Sheriff Slagle, who, with Deputy John Dills, went to the scene. Identification of the women was made by two of their neighbors, Mrs. Bede Norton and Miss Fannie Norton. The Parkers moved to Betty's creek from Clay county, North Carolina, about a year ago. Besides her husband and her daughter, Minnie, Mrs. Parker is survived by three other daughters, Wilma and Selma Parker and Mrs. Beasley, and two sons.

Mrs. R.M.Rimmer Attends Funeral of Relative

Mrs. R. M. Rimmer, of Franklin, left Tuesday morning for Columbus, Ga., to attend the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Louis Rigdon, who died Monday afternoon.

Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed hens and fryers; lb. 14½c
Chickens, light weight; lb. ... 12½c
Eggs, doz. 25c
Irish potatoes, No. 1; bu. ... 75c
Corn, bu. 65c
Wheat, bu. 90c
Walnuts, hulled; per 100 lbs. \$1.00

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 30½c