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CELEBRATION DRAWS CROWD

Labor Day Event Proves Success; Sponsored By Legion

People from all sections of the county swarmed to Franklin Monday for the Labor Day celebration sponsored by the Macon county branch of the American Legion. Due to the fact that few schools closed for observance of the holiday, attendance was cut down in the evening, when races and contests were held; but the town was packed with gay crowds during the afternoon and evening.

Boxing bouts in the afternoon attracted a crowd that nearly filled the court room and nearly as many persons attended the fiddlers' convention in the evening. Meanwhile, hundreds of others contented themselves with seeing the sights of town, going to the movie and drinking sodas and beer.

As a whole, the celebration was considered a success and many individuals were heard to express comment that they hoped it would be made an annual affair.

Contest Winners

Following is a list of the winners of the races and contests held during the morning:

Bicycle race for boys—first prize \$1, Eugene Furr; second prize 50 cents, Kenneth Bryant.

Flat man's race for men weighing over 200 pounds—Clint Burrell.

Track race for boys—\$1 prize for Dan Buchanan.

Shoe race for men and boys—\$1 prize for Dan Reynolds.

Egg race for girls and women—first prize of \$1, Nancy Jones; second prize of 50 cents, Mrs. Perry Holt.

Three-legged race—Prize of \$1 for Hargrave Parrish and Jack Johnson.

Soda-cracker contest—Men's prize \$1, Noland Buchanan; ladies' prize of \$1, Bessie Stiwinter.

The soda-cracker contest, the object of which was to consume a box of soda crackers faster than the other contestants, caused much amusement. The twenty or more contestants—boys, girls, men and women—were arrayed around a table, facing a crowd of onlookers.

The winner in the men's division almost choked in achieving his victory, but he was a full soda cracker ahead of any of the other contestants.

4 Bouts on Boxing Card

Four amateur boxing bouts in the afternoon afforded lively entertainment. In the first bout Stedman Mitchell, of Walnut Creek, N. C., an enrollee of CCC Camp 23, won a close decision over John Moore, of Franklin.

Daniel Wilkie, of Franklin, nosed it over Wilma Guest, another Franklin boy, in the second bout.

The third set-to proved a thriller, with two well-matched leather punchers from CCC Camp F-19, fixing it up fast and furiously until one of them hit the canvas for a count of ten in the second round.

The winner was Pepper Hall, who landed a right to the chin of his opponent and both boys left the ring in good spirits.

Paul Seay, of Franklin, won a decision over Ed Huffman, of Otto, in the final bout.

All of the fights were for three rounds.

Democratic Executive Committee Meets Saturday

Members of the county Democratic executive committee have been called to meet at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the county courthouse to organize for the fall campaign. The meeting was called by Dr. W. A. Rogers, chairman of the committee for 27 years. He urged that all township chairmen attend.

Angel Buys

J. T. Moore Building On Main Street

The J. T. Moore building on Main street has been purchased by T. W. Angel, Jr., at a consideration said to be between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The deal was completed the latter part of last week.

Mr. Angel said he bought the building, which adjoins the Franks building on one side and Leach Brothers hardware store on the other, as an investment and intended to rent it. He said he would remodel the structure to suit an acceptable tenant.

The upper floor of the building is owned by the local Odd Fellows lodge.

Negotiations are now under way with heirs of the Franks estate for purchase of the Franks building by Dr. Furman Angel and Dr. Edgar Angel. Terms have been reached, it is reported, but before the sale is completed signatures must be obtained from all of the heirs, some of whom live in distant communities.

Another large real estate transaction recently completed was the sale by Miss Mary C. Bissell, formerly of Franklin but who now resides in Asheville, of her residence on Harrison avenue to Mrs. John B. Willis and daughters. It was reported that the deal involved a consideration of between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

HELD IN JAIL WITHOUT BOND

Jimmie Webb, 21, Accused Of Criminal Attack On Girl, 14

Charged with a criminal attack on a 14-year-old girl, Jimmie Webb, about 21 years of age, is being held in the Macon county jail without bond.

Webb was arrested Saturday by Deputy Sheriff John Dills in the Commissioners creek section near the Georgia line. A warrant for his arrest was sworn out by the girl's father.

Webb denied the girl's charge that he attacked her while she was working in a bean patch.

Deputy Sheriff Dills said he was informed that Webb recently served a term on a Georgia chain gang.

Tabernacle Made Ready For Revival Meetings

Finishing touches were being made this week on the large wooden tabernacle erected on Wayah street under the direction of the Rev. A. A. Angel, Methodist minister and tombstone manufacturer.

Electric wiring was installed, additional benches placed in the tabernacle and shutters placed on the windows in preparation for a series of revival meetings which Rev. Mr. Angel has announced will be held at the tabernacle, starting Sunday, September 20. The Rev. M. T. Hinshaw, of Rutherford College, Burke county, has accepted an invitation to conduct the revival meetings.

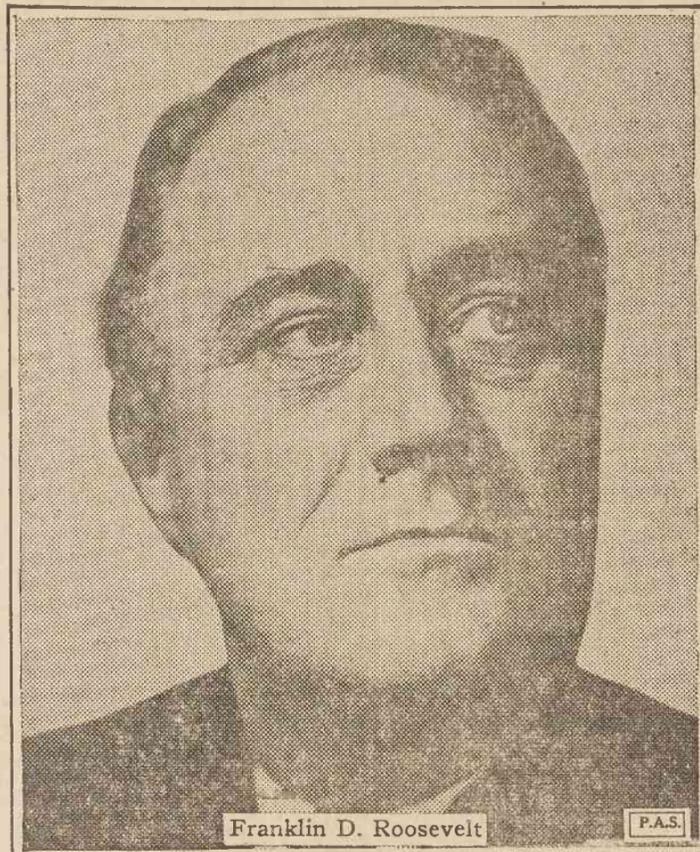
The tabernacle, with ground dimensions of 60 by 90 feet, will accommodate a congregation of 1,000 and a choir of 100.

A service will be held in the tabernacle at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Mr. Angel said, and he invited all interested persons to attend.

Officers Capture Still On Shope Creek

A 25-gallon copper still was seized by Deputy Sheriff John Dills and Constable C. P. Bradley of Smith's Bridge township on Shope creek in the Coweta section Saturday morning. The officers destroyed five barrels of corn and stroyed mash. No arrests were made.

President Visits Smokies Park



Franklin D. Roosevelt

P.A.S.

Motoring from Knoxville, Tenn., en route to Charlotte for the "Green Pastures" Democratic Rally, President Roosevelt yesterday saw the grandeur of the Great Smoky Mountains National park for the first time. Views from Newfound Gap and Clingman's Dome caused him to exclaim: "Fine! Grand!" Later he said: "I have planned at least half a dozen trips to this section, but each time something happened to prevent my coming. Today I finally made it. I am not disappointed. I am delighted and thrilled. It was a grand trip." At the Indian reservation in Swain county, where the president made a brief stop, he was conferred with the title of "Great White Eagle." Many Macon county people were in the crowd which witnessed the ceremony.

INTERESTING PLACES

In Macon County

SPEAR FINGER'S BRIDGE

By MRS. T. C. HARBISON

Running from Whiteside Mountain to the Hiwassee River is a vein of rock, traceable at intervals for the entire distance, with Whiteside Cliff seemingly the termination of the vein at the north end. The cliffs south of Whiteside, Wildcat Cliffs, which are a huge wall of rock tapering off at the southern end, are a part of this rock ridge, as are Wolf Ridge and Sunset Rocks. The vein is broken in many places and disappears completely for short distances at various points, but may be easily traced by boulders strewn in a curved line along the way. Near the gap on the Highlands-Horse Cove road, fragments of stone ranging from one to four or more feet in height, appear to have been set in the earth by hand. They are set edgewise and resemble posts or abutments of some ancient bridge. These stones may be seen along the whole ridge, many of them noticeable from the road, and they invariably cause comment by those who observe the peculiar way in which they are set.

Legend Explains Freak

An Indian legend has been told concerning this vein of rock, explaining why the stones are placed as they are. It seems that long ago there was a terrible woman monster living in the mountains whose only food was human livers. She was made of stone which no weapon could penetrate. Because of a long stony finger, shaped like a spear head, which grew on her right hand and which she used in stabbing and cutting out the livers of her victims, this monster was known as Utlunta, or Spear Finger. It was her habit to hide in dark passes along the trails and wait for victims. She was indeed a terrible

monster, and was feared greatly by all the Indians.

Spear Finger had much power over stone and could lift immense rocks, so she undertook to build a great bridge through the air from Whiteside, or Sa'nigila'gi, home of the Thunder God, the Red man of Lightning, to the "Tree Rock" on the Hiwassee river, that she might escape to the top of Whiteside when chased by the warriors. There she knew that she would be safe, for the Indians did not dare trespass on the grounds of the Thunder God. However, when the bridge was nearing completion, the Thunder God himself took the part of the Indians by sending bolts of lightning to destroy the bridge. When the lightning struck it scattered fragments of stone along the whole ridge, and it is these pieces of stone which can be seen today by those who go along the ridge.

Demon Trapped

Spear Finger was finally trapped in a pit prepared for that purpose and was killed by an Indian who had been told by a Tsikilili bird that her one vulnerable spot was her heart, which was always held in the fist of her right hand, rather than carried in her chest.

Part of Spear Finger's bridge is within the city limits of Highlands, and after knowing the legend of how it came to be, it is interesting to take a five-minute drive to view these unusually placed rocks. Should one desire to trace the ancient bridge further, an excellent view of the cliffs south of Whiteside may be had from Whiteside Cove, reached over the road from Horse Cove to Cashiers.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—The legend narrated in the above article is retold from "Occoneechee" by Frank Jarrett.)

MACON FOLKS SEE PRESIDENT

Roosevelt Greeted by Big Crowd at Indian Reservation

Scores of people from Macon county went to the Indian reservation at Cherokee yesterday to get a glimpse of President Franklin D. Roosevelt as he stopped here for a brief ceremonial after a motor trip through the Great Smoky Mountains National park enroute to Asheville and Charlotte.

A crowd estimated at 4,000 persons was gathered in the Indian ball grounds to greet the nation's chief executive and cheer him on his way. Many of those present had waited for several hours and hung tenaciously to select vantage points.

The president, who had arrived at Knoxville by train in the morning, motored leisurely through the park, lunched with members of his party at Clingman's Dome, in the heart of the Smokies, and arrived at Cherokee shortly before 3 o'clock.

As he drove on the field the crowd, too engrossed in getting a good look at him, forgot to cheer; but a shout went up when an Indian headdress was placed upon him and he was conferred with the title of "Great White Eagle" of the Cherokees. The honor was conferred by Carl Standingdeer, acting for Chief Blythe, and it was the highest within the tribe's power to bestow upon any man.

The president and his party, which included his chief secretary, Marvin McIntyre; his son, John; Senator Robert R. Reynolds, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus and other notables, remained at the reservation about 15 minutes. As the official motorcade progressed toward Asheville, where the president spent the night, the highway was lined with people, many of whom had walked for miles out of the mountains to see the chief executive. Hamlets and towns were decorated with bunting, flags and welcome banners.

At Sylva, Waynesville and Canton, where the presidential car slowed down to eight miles an hour, the streets were jammed.

After spending the night at Grove Park Inn in Asheville the president went to McCormick Field to make a brief address to a crowd assembled there. He left at noon for Charlotte to make the only formal address of his trip, a speech before the "Green Pastures" Democratic rally.

At the Cherokee reservation yesterday many Franklin automobiles were in evidence. The largest delegation there from this county was a group of American Legion members.

Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)

Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed hens 12c
Chickens, light weight, lb. . . 12c
Fryers, heavy weight, lb. . . 12c
Fryers, light weight, lb. . . . 10c
Eggs, doz. 30c
Corn, bu. \$1.00
Wheat, bu. \$1.00
Rye, bu. \$1.00
Potatoes, No. 1 \$1.00

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 31c