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WILL ORGANIZE WELFARE WORK

Social Agency Council To Be Organized In Macon County

Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, county superintendent of public welfare, has announced that on Thursday, March 31, at 7:30 o'clock at Kelly's Tea Room, a council of social agencies for Macon county will be organized under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Aycock, director, county organization, state board of charities and public welfare, Raleigh.

Mrs. Aycock will be accompanied by Miss Anna A. Cassatt, director case work training and family rehabilitation, state board of charities and public welfare, and William J. Wingate, field social work supervisor, state board of charities and public welfare, both of Raleigh, who will assist in the organization.

The council of social agencies is composed of the heads or representatives of all social, civic, and religious groups. Below is a tentative list:

Members of the county board of public welfare; county health officer or nurse; farm agent; home agent; county superintendent of schools; judge of juvenile court; Red Cross representative; boy scout representative; girl scout representative; 4-H club representative; chairman of county commissioners; WPA representative; farm security administration representative; national youth administration representative; adult education representative; American Legion representative; American Legion auxiliary representative; rotary club representative; lions club representative; Junior Order representative; grange representative; P.-T. A. representative; Ministerial Association representative; social service chairman from all churches; Franklin Press representative; superintendent of public welfare.

The purpose of this council is to study the social and civic needs of the county and to promote a free discussion of the problems. Also, to formulate principles, methods, and standards for the improvement of social and civic work and to develop an attitude of co-operation in the approach of common problems. All agencies are urged to have representatives present, as this meeting is of vital importance to Macon county.

May Hold Another Pre-School Clinic

At a recent clinic given in the county health office, there were 20 pre-school children examined, but many others in the Franklin school district failed to report at the office.

Miss Josephine Dixon, county health nurse, and Dr. P. G. Padgett, county health officer, will give another clinic, provided the mothers will report the names and number of children who failed to report for the other clinic, to Mrs. Pearl Hunter, chairman of the summer round-up committee, at their earliest convenience.

Cooperation of the parents with this committee is urged so that arrangements can be made for the examinations at an early date.

Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed, hens 14c
Chickens, light weight, lb. . . . 10c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 26c

Sunday School Convention At Franklin Baptist Church

There will be a very important meeting of the Sunday school convention of the Macon county Baptist association at the Franklin Baptist church next Sunday afternoon, March 27, at 2:30. At this meeting officers of the convention will be elected.

It is urged by the Rev. W. B. Underwood, pastor of the church, that all Baptist Sunday schools in the county be represented at this meeting.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in Sunday school work.

MACON COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSE

Year's Work Ended; 7th Grade Test To Be Given April 9

A number of Macon county schools ended their year's work last week. Among those closing were: Olive Hill, Holly Springs, Oak Ridge, Walnut Creek, Buck Creek, Mulberry, Academy, Hickory Knoll, Rainbow Springs, Morgan's, Oak Grove, Cowee, Liberty and Harmony.

All other schools in the county, with the exception of Franklin and Highlands, will close this week.

The Franklin schools will close on April 22 and Highlands about May 10. The late closing of the Highlands school is due to the fact that about two weeks were lost when the school was shut down on account of sickness.

The annual seventh grade test will be held this year on Saturday, April 9, at Franklin and Highlands.

Franklin Postoffice Third In Bond Sales

The Franklin postoffice ranks third in the United States in per capita sales of United States savings bonds in second class post-offices from September 1, 1936, through August 31, 1937, according to an announcement made by T. W. Porter, postmaster.

This is a splendid showing for the local postoffice when it is considered that throughout the nation the maturity value of these bonds sold since March 1, 1935, amounts to more than a billion and a half dollars.

W. M. U. Meeting At Iotla Baptist Church

A quarterly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union will be held at the Iotla Baptist church on Thursday, March 31.

The divisional superintendent, Miss Morgan, from Waynesville, and the divisional young people's leader from Asheville, will be the speakers for the day.

All young leaders and young people are urged to attend.

Quarterly Conference At Patton Chapel Sunday

The Rev. W. A. Rollins, presiding elder of the Waynesville district, will hold the second quarterly conference of the Macon circuit next Sunday, March 27, at Patton Chapel at 11 a. m.

The officials and laymen of the several churches in the circuit are urged to be present.

Kermit Bateman Seriously Injured

Kermit Bateman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Bateman, of Franklin, route 3, was brought to Angel hospital Friday with a compound fracture of his right leg below the knee. The accident occurred while he was hauling wood near his home.

Thousands Hear President Roosevelt At Gainesville Celebration Wednesday

Thousands of people from Georgia, North and South Carolina and Tennessee gathered in Gainesville, Ga., Wednesday to see President Roosevelt and listen to his address, which was the main feature of the dedication of "Roosevelt Square" and the celebration of the city's rehabilitation after the devastating tornado of 1936.

The President was introduced by Governor Rivers of Georgia, who acclaimed him as a "great humanitarian," and pledged that the administration of his state was behind the new deal and its objectives "not 99 per cent but 100 per cent."

Criticizes Southern Senate Bloc
To many observers Mr. Roosevelt's address was regarded as a renewed effort to win strength for his wages and hours bill. On the platform with him at the Gainesville exercises sat Sen. George (D., Ga.), who opposed the measure.

He was blunt in his criticism of southerners who are keeping his wages-hours legislation deadlocked in the house of representatives; who led the fight against the undivided profits tax; who are now fighting his government reorganization program as they have battled other administration reforms. He referred sarcastically to those who insist on a balanced budget but offer no suggestions on how this can be achieved without putting "dollars ahead of human lives."

"They have the same type of mind as those representatives of the people who vote against legislation to help social and economic conditions, proclaiming loudly that they are for the objectives but do not like the methods and then fail utterly to offer a better method of their own," he snapped.

Declaring that he spoke not only for the workers in the bottom one-third of the nation's people but also for "millions of other workers who are so under-employed and so under-paid that the burden of their poverty affects the little business and big business man," the president continued:

"The purchasing power of the millions of Americans in this whole area is far too low. Most men and women who work for wages in this whole area get wages which are far too low. On the present scale of wages . . . the South cannot and will not succeed in establishing successful new industries. . . ."

Mr. Roosevelt continued "that this nation will never permanently get on the road to recovery if we leave the methods and the processes of recovery to those who owned the government of the United States from 1921 to 1933."

Purchasing Power Too Low
In appealing for an increased purchasing power, the president pointed out that Georgia and the lower South "may just as well face facts" that the purchasing power of millions of Americans in this area was "far too low."

The president said that southern wages are "far too low" and observed that the South, with its present wage scale, could not hope to compete efficiently with the rest of the industrial regions of the country.

Stressing the advantages of increased buying power, he declared that "these things will not come to us in the South if we oppose progress—if we believe in our hearts that the feudal system is still the best system."

"When you come down to it there is little difference between the feudal system and the Fascist system. If you believe in the one, you lean to the other."

He emphasized that "I am opposed to fascism as I am to communism," and added emphatically that "with the overwhelming ma-

jority of the people of this state, I opposed feudalism."

Stating that the American system calls for the whole truth, the president then appealed for "participation in prosperity by the people at the bottom of the ladder as well as those in the middle and at the top."

"We are not going back to the old days," he said. "To those in and out of public office, who still believe in the feudal system—and believe in it honestly—the people of the United States and in every section of the United States are going to say 'we are sorry, but we want people to represent us whose minds are cast in the 1938 mould and not in the 1898 mould.'"

After the ceremonies in Gainesville, Mr. Roosevelt continued on his special train to Warm Springs for a 10-day rest at the "little white house." He today awaited the nation's reaction to another two-fisted attack on new deal critics, which embraced the plea for higher wages and a condemnation of fascism and communism.

T. W. Angel

Resigns As Chairman Of Republican Committee

At a meeting held in the courthouse last Saturday afternoon, T. W. Angel, Jr., resigned as chairman of the Macon county Republican executive committee, on account of the pressure of business affairs, and asked that his successor be chosen.

The members of the party present decided to refer the matter of the chairmanship and the question of nominations for the various county offices to a convention which has been called for Saturday, April 2, at the courthouse in Franklin.

All members of the party are urged to be present at this meeting.

Young Hen Lays Four-Ounce Egg

Mrs. W. L. Setser, Jr., of Franklin Route 1, brought an egg into The Press office Wednesday that weighed four ounces.

Mrs. Setser said this egg was laid by a young hen of the Game and Rhode Island Red stock. Although the hen lays a large egg daily, this is the first time she has laid one of this size.

Army Officers And CCC Directors To Meet

RALEIGH, March 24.—Postponed from last week, a meeting of United States army officers and state CCC selection directors will be held in Atlanta on Friday and Saturday of this week for the purpose of discussing changes in CCC enrollment procedures, which have been authorized by the department of labor in cooperation with war department officials.

T. L. Grier, director of CCC selection for North Carolina, will attend the meeting, leaving Raleigh Thursday night for the Georgia city. He said that of the approximately 2,000 applications on file in this state, a quota of 862 enrollments had been authorized for the enlistment period of April 1 to April 20.

Grier has been in charge of CCC selection for the state board of charities and public welfare since January, 1936.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Creasman announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Lorene, at the Biltmore hospital in Asheville, on Thursday, March 17. Mr. and Mrs. Creasman spent several months at the experimental station at Camp 23, at Otto.

STOCKHOLDERS MEET MARCH 26

Federation Directors To Be Elected And Year's Reports Submitted

ASHEVILLE, March 23.—The annual meeting of stockholders of the Farmers Federation, Inc., has been called for 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, March 26, in the assembly room of the Buncombe county courthouse.

Principal business to come before the meeting will be the election of directors. The Federation has 29 directors and 17 are to be elected at the annual meeting.

Reports on last year's business will be submitted by James G. K. McClure, president of the cooperative; Guy M. Sales, general manager, and various departmental heads.

Notices of the meeting, together with blank proxies, have been sent to all stockholders. Those unable to attend are requested to give their proxies to some stockholder who can represent them.

In view of the increasing interest in the Federation's work and the organization's expansion through the establishment of new units in Cherokee and Transylvania counties, Federation officials anticipate a large attendance at Saturday's meeting. Attendance at county meetings of stockholders held during the past month has been the best in the Federation's history.

Music will be supplied at the annual meeting by the Federation's string band. At the conclusion of the business session coffee and sandwiches will be served.

Blister Rust Crew To Resume Work

In a short time the pine blister rust project in Macon county will resume its search for currant and gooseberry bushes that are a menace to white pine stands. In the early summer season infected white pines transmit spores to currant and gooseberry leaves up to a distance of 200 miles or more.

During the summer infected currant and gooseberry leaves spread spores to other currant and gooseberry bushes within a radius of about 3,000 feet. The cycle is completed in the early fall when spores are liberated from the infected leaves. White pines growing within 1,000 feet of the infected bushes may catch the disease which enters the trees through the needles and later appears in blisters or cankers on the stems and branches. In the course of time the cankers girdle the trunk and cause the tree to die.

The only effective method of preventing further spread of white pine blister rust, and of protecting areas that are now free from disease is to uproot and destroy all currant and gooseberry bushes within 1,000 feet of the pines. Blister rust does not spread from pine to pine.

All white pine owners are urged to cooperate with the blister rust project at this time in allowing the crew to search for and destroy currant and gooseberry bushes. If an owner pulls his own bushes he is requested to send his name, address, and the number and kind of bushes destroyed to H. A. Whitman, Jr., agent in charge, care of Wayah ranger's office, Nantahala national forest, in Franklin. Mr. Whitman will be glad to talk with land-owners about blister rust at any time.

The ultimate success is keeping blister rust out of Macon county and North Carolina lies in the degree of cooperation land owners will give. With complete cooperation blister rust can be definitely kept out of our white pine stands. In the neighboring state of Virginia 11 per cent of the white pines are infected with blister rust. We must not let the rust spread into this state.