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Raymond Cleaveland Wins Press Baby Derby

PLANS BEING MADE FOR CLIFFSIDE LAKE CELEBRATION

FINE PROGRAM FOR OPENING

Jos. C. Kircher to Speak; Free Barbecue And Contests

Jos. C. Kircher, of Atlanta, chief forester for the southern region, will be the principal speaker at the opening celebration at Cliffside Lake on Saturday, July 22, it was announced this week by Charles Melichar, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest.

With the lake and the vast public playground on its shores completed, Mr. Melichar, assisted by civic organizations and various individuals of Franklin and Highlands, were busy this week making arrangements for the celebration. Judging by their plans, it

Press To Publish Special Edition

A Summer Souvenir Edition, in which Cliffside Lake will be featured, will be published next week by The Franklin Press. There will be numerous pictures of this beautiful new recreation area and also of many other recreational and scenic spots in the Nantahala National Forest. Three thousand copies of this special issue will be printed. Five hundred copies will be set aside for distribution to visitors at the Cliffside opening exercises and hundreds of other copies will be distributed in such a way as to have the effect of attracting tourists to this region.

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW JULY 29

Franklin Garden Club To Sponsor Event For Macon County

At a called meeting of the Franklin Garden Club held in the basement of the Franklin Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, final plans were made for the Macon county annual flower show which is to be held in the agricultural building on Church street, Saturday, July 29.

While this flower show is sponsored by the Franklin Garden club, it is open to any one in Macon county who has flowers and desires to take part.

All entrants in the contest are requested to have their flowers at the building not later than 10 o'clock Saturday morning, in order that they may be classified and judged.

The show will be open to the public at 1 o'clock and the flowers will remain on display until 9 o'clock Saturday night.

The committees appointed were: Flower Show, Mrs. Frank Higdon, chairman; Mrs. Harve L. Bryant, Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. James A. Sutton, Mrs. Zeb W. Conley, Mrs. Lester S. Conley, Mrs. Roy G. Beshears and Miss Mary Willis. Prizes, Mrs. A. R. Higdon, chairman; Mrs. John Archer, Mrs. Henry W. Cabe, Mrs. Verna Green May and Mrs. A. L. McLean.

The prizes will be given in the following classes:

1. Best display of snap-dragons.
2. Best display of sweet peas.
3. Finest collection of roses.
4. Dahlias (large and small).
5. Nasturtiums.
6. Most attractive miniature flowers.
7. Shadow bores.
8. Corsages.
9. Best collection of wild flowers.
10. Two-tone flowers.
11. Contrasting colors.
12. Mixed bouquets.
13. Zinnias (large and small).
14. Marigolds.
15. Gladiolas.
16. Table arrangements, including coffee, consoles and breakfast tables.
17. Potted plants.
18. Gallardias.
19. Twin vases.
20. Miscellaneous.
21. Sweepstake.

Miss Frances Morgan Succeeds Mrs. Whittaker

Miss Frances K. Morgan has arrived in Franklin to take the place of Mrs. Harriet R. Whittaker as area supervisor of social work in the 12th district WPA. Mrs. Whittaker was transferred last week to North Wilkesboro.

Miss Morgan, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Rufus A. Morgan of Columbia, S. C., is a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Social Work, and comes to her new assignment from the Asheville office of WPA. Miss Morgan's father is a native of Macon county and a frequent visitor to Franklin.

Singers Will Meet At Tellico July 16

The third Sunday afternoon singing of the Northern division of the Macon County Singing convention will be held with the Tellico Baptist church at 1 p. m. on Sunday, July 16, it has been announced by Harley B. Mason, president.

All choirs, quartets, duets, soloists and all interested in singing are invited to attend.

First Prize



RAYMOND CLEAVELAND

Second Prize



PEGGY DUNBAR

Third Prize



JOE RHINEHART

PEGGY DUNBAR CLOSE SECOND

Complete List Of Winners Will Be Found In This Issue

The Baby Derby sponsored by The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian, and Franklin, Highlands, and other merchants closed last Saturday night. The Press wishes to thank the public for the interest and cooperation it has given The Press and the participating merchants in the Baby Derby. The Baby Derby has been very successful in the point of new subscribers that have been added to The Press' already large list of readers. It also was very beneficial to the merchants. It will be the aim of The Press to give all the important local and county news, and we hope to have the continued cooperation of our large family of readers in making The Press a more newsy paper with each issue. The candidates wish to thank all their friends who have assisted them during the Baby Derby, making it possible for them to win the cash awards for their babies.

Hundreds of new and renewal subscriptions have been added to The Press circulation in Franklin and Highlands and Macon county which will be of great value to The Press' present and prospective advertisers.

The aggregate miles of the big prize winners alone reached enormous figures. The winners of all the prizes were well entitled to success, and they demonstrated conclusively that energy and persistence are potent factors in any game of life. In distributing over \$500 worth of awards among the successful candidates, The Press and cooperating merchants give value received for efforts in their behalf, yet the intrinsic value of the awards is not the only consideration to candidates. In the pursuit of their individual Baby Derby "miles", they have learned much that will be of benefit to them. They have made many new and pleasant acquaintances, some have formed new ideas along business lines and most of them have developed a keen sense of observation that will pay many a future dividend. The competition was splendid training and valuable experience to all who participated. It taught that courage is necessary to overcome the obstacles that beset the never ending conflict that we call "life."

Of course it is inevitable in a race of this kind that all cannot win big. Candidates understood that when they entered their babies. Were it possible we would gladly reward every baby with a loving cup and \$200.

We have dealt with ladies and gentlemen. Our relations have been pleasant throughout. They, in turn, have dealt with an institution, which to the best of its ability, made the Baby Derby one long to be remembered for its wholesomeness and fair character. The Baby Derby was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Harvey of the Piedmont Circulation Service, Americus, Ga., and it was conducted throughout with the most scrupulous fairness.

The prize winning babies are listed in another column. Checks have been mailed to the parents who were not present at the Baby Derby office Monday night.

If there have been any insinuations or ill feelings as to the outcome of the Derby, we have not heard any of it, but on the other hand, we have been given much praise and congratulations from the winners, and from the merchants who co-sponsored the Derby.

Notice To Subscribers

During the "Baby Derby," which closed Saturday night, a great many new names were added to the subscription list of The Press, and in rearranging our mailing list no doubt some errors will be made.

If you are getting two papers, if your initials are wrong or if your dating is not correct, please notify us and we will make the correction at once. We want all who have subscribed to get the paper and to get it for the full time for which they have paid.

Mrs. C. S. Brown, Jr., who has been a patient in Angel hospital, has returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. H. O. Cozad, and is reported to be on the way to recovery.

Community House Delegates To Meet Monday Night

Representatives from all Franklin and community clubs will meet Monday night at 7:30 p. m. in the agricultural building in Franklin.

This will be the initial move in the planned drive, sponsored by the Garden club, for a community house in Franklin. The purpose of the meeting is the formation of a board of control.

Following is a list of organizations already contacted and a partial list of delegates. Presidents of these and of other clubs wishing a voice in activities are asked to appoint one member who will attend this meeting as member of the board. All decisions concerning the house will be made at board meetings:

Garden Club, Mrs. J. E. Perry; U. D. C., Mrs. Carl Slagle; Masons, C. Gordon Moore; Eastern Stars, Mrs. Sallie Moore; Rotary Club, J. S. Conley and W. C. Penn; Lions Club, Bill Moore; Chamber of Commerce, Dr. J. E. Perry.

The County Commissioners, Town Board of Aldermen, Loyal Order of Moose, the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary will also be represented.

Members of the Garden Club community house committee are asked to meet with the board at this time.

Funeral Held Sunday For Reid Crawford

Funeral services for Reid Crawford, 37, salesman for Gennett Lumber company, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of his mother at 24 Elizabeth street in Asheville.

Mr. Crawford died Friday in a Winston-Salem hotel. He was born in Franklin but had resided in Asheville most of his life.

Mr. Crawford was well known in Franklin and had relatives in Macon county, several of whom attended the funeral.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events in State, Nation and Abroad.

NEIGHBORING COUNTY PLANS HIGHWAY BEAUTY

Cherokee county plans a 16 mile avenue of trees along the highway between Murphy and Andrews, and the planting of roses and evergreen vines on clay banks. The plans were made and announced by Miss Frances Cover, chairman of the county's committee for beautification. Cooperating of county commissioners, town aldermen and PTA is assured.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN MORGANTON

Explosion of dynamite in the burning two-story barn at the North Carolina School for the deaf in Morganton Monday morning resulted in serious injuries to 13 persons and lesser injuries to scores of others as timber and debris were scattered in a crowd of several hundred spectators.

ATTENTION, SHERIFFS

Sheriff Paul M. Dale of Burke got his man when he climbed a tree overlooking Blue Moon fill-

ing station between Morganton and Valdese and witnessed the operator approach his liquor cache in the woods.

NORTH CAROLINA PRISONERS DECREASE

North Carolina's prison population dropped from 9,679 June 1 to 9,528 July 1 the penal division reported in Raleigh Tuesday.

PRESIDENT URGES ACTION ON NEUTRALITY BILL

Secretary of State Hull said in a statement Tuesday endorsed by President Roosevelt, that the administration would insist on immediate action on neutrality legislation despite the senate foreign relations committee's 12 to 11 vote to shelve the issue until next session.

MENUTT HEADS NEW FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

The Senate has confirmed the President's appointment of Paul V. McNutt, high commissioner to the Philippines, formerly governor of

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Baseball

Team From Easley, S. C. To Play Here Sunday

The game with Cornelia which was scheduled to be played on the Franklin diamond last Sunday was rained out, much to the regret of players and fans. The Cornelia boys were on hand early and it was thought for a while that the game could go on, but the rain started in again before 3 o'clock and made the field a lake of mud.

A great contest is in sight for next Sunday afternoon, though, when the team from Easley, S. C., comes over for a tussel with Franklin. The Easley outfit is said to be plenty strong and the locals will have to be in good shape to stay with them.

Game will get going around 2:30.

RETIRE AFTER LONG SERVICE

Heads Of Great School To Rest After Years Of Labor

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Ritchie, who for nearly 30 years have been at the head of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school, retired of July 1, and are spending their first real vacation with Mrs. Ritchie's sister, Mrs. Maggie Berrong, of Hiwassee, Ga.

During the years in which they have directed the work of this splendid school, Dr. and Mrs. Ritchie have labored unceasingly, and have seen the school grow from very small beginnings to one of the most highly rated educational institutions in this whole mountain section. The gratitude and best wishes of hundreds of former students go with them as they retire to seek the rest and relaxation they have so abundantly earned.

Also retiring from the school are Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Coit, who have given of the best during a number of years as assistants to Dr. and Mrs. Ritchie in the conduct of the school, and who carry with them the knowledge of work well done.

Dr. George C. Bellingrath, of Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga., one of the outstanding educators of the south, has been elected president to succeed Dr. Ritchie and has taken up his duties. He has had many years of preparation and experience, and is well qualified to take up and carry on the work.

Dean H. L. Fry remains with the school and will continue his able service for the institution.

Temperance Meeting At Wells Grove Sunday

A temperance meeting will be held at Wells Grove next Sunday, July 16, at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

GEO. W. SEAY.



JOSEPH C. KIRCHER

will be one of the outstanding events of the summer season in Western North Carolina. Hundreds of people from North Carolina and other states are expected to attend.

Easily Reached

Cliffside Lake, newest and most extensively developed recreational area in the Nantahala National Forest, already has attracted thousands of visitors and the widespread publicity that will be given the opening celebration is expected to bring many thousands of others. Nestling in a beautiful mountain cove just off U. S. highway 64, 15 miles east of Franklin and five miles west of Highlands, the lake is easily accessible. A short stretch of stone-covered road through a beautiful forest leads to the lake from the main highway.

Varied Program

Plans for the opening celebration announced by Mr. Melichar call for a number of outdoor sports events, an old-time fiddlers' contest, free barbecue and forest service motion pictures in color to be shown during the evening.

Barbecued pork and lamb, Brunswick stew and cold drinks for a crowd of 800 will be provided by the Chambers of Commerce of Franklin and Highlands.

The celebration is to start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with a wide variety of contests—swimming, mountain climbing, horse-shoe pitching and fly-casting, to say nothing of the fiddlers' contest. Some of these events will be concurrent, but arrangements have been made so that those who want to participate in several of them will have an opportunity to do so. Prizes are to be awarded in all contests.

Speaking at 5 P. M.

Mr. Kircher will speak at exercises starting at 5 o'clock in an amphitheatre which overlooks the lake. Guy L. Houk, superintendent of Macon county schools, will be master of ceremonies and introduce the speakers.

Topping off the day will be the motion picture program in the evening, also to be given in the amphitheatre.

The recreational area will be open the entire day and those who wish to take picnic lunches and have a full day's outing will find ample facilities available. Picnic tables and outdoor ovens are numerous and rain shelters also are provided. The bath house will be open and life guards on duty.

Mrs. Robert Johnston, and two small sons, of Paducah, Ky., are here for a visit with Mrs. Fred S. Johnston, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Houk.